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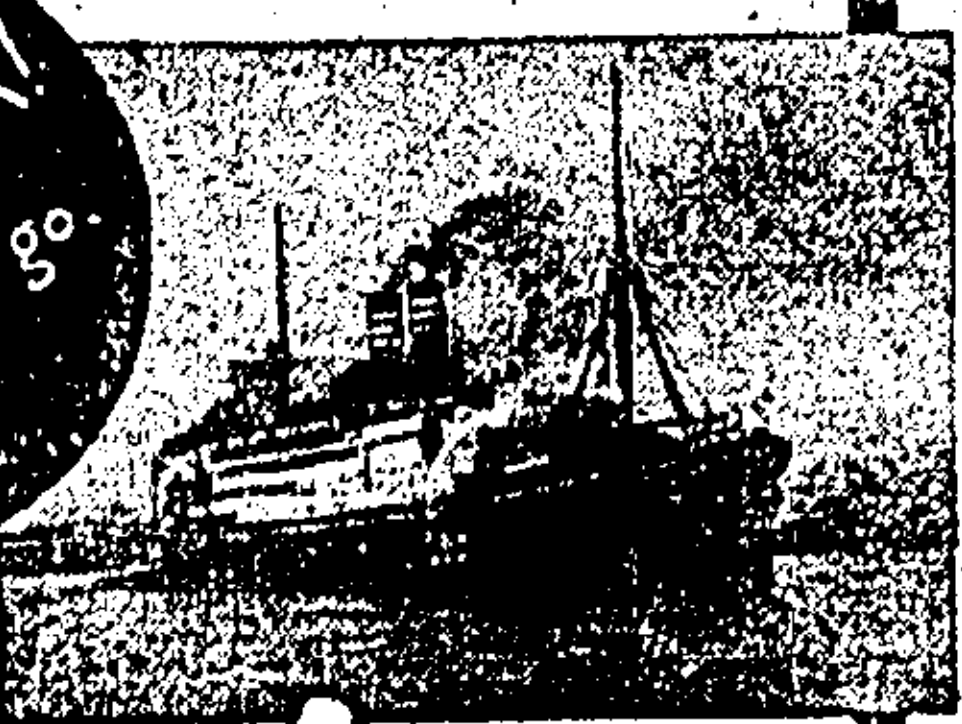
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A flying exhibition and demonstration of the Avro-Avian aeroplane in which he flew from Hong Kong to Shanghai was given last Saturday by Flying Officer A. V. Harvey, pilot to the Far East Aviation Co., at the Hungjiao Aerodrome. In the presence of a large crowd of foreigners and Chinese. Among the latter, who formed the majority, were a number of officials. Some of the "stunts" displayed, though greatly appreciated, as was evidenced from the applause and encouraging shouts raised, caused many hearts to stop beating for a second and compelled many to close their eyes.

And yet the aviator always righted himself and his little machine and, when he landed, he treated the flight with diffidence as though it were regular occurrence and as though it were nothing out of the ordinary.

Never Seen Before.

The demonstration was of some 40 minutes duration, the like of which had never been seen in Shanghai before, especially some of the new "stunts." All present expressed themselves as extremely satisfied with the flight and the exhibition that a request was made to the aviator to go up a second time, which he did, with Miss Marsh, of H.M. Consulate-General, as his passenger.

The exhibition included everything that it was possible for a plane to do, such as flying upside down for several minutes, slow rolls, loops, half rolling off the loop, looping the loop, spinning, falling leaf and "crazy flying" around the aerodrome.

ROTARY CLUBS.

PLEA FOR GREATER FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION.

Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, president of the Rotary International of the British Isles, pleaded at the annual conference of No. 7 Rotary District at Buxton for greater freedom of discussion in Rotary clubs. "I refuse to make a present to party politics of problems that concern every man and woman in the country," he said.

Mr. D. Bentley (district secretary) asked whether the president would include such subjects as tariffs, India, prohibition, disarmament, unemployment, and birth control. "I approve of the discussion, in clubs, of every one of them," replied the president, "and I know it can be done."

Mr. A. Hickling (Guildford) appealed for more sympathetic treatment of commercial travellers by the business men on whom they relied.

WARNING TO THE PROVINCES.

NATIONAL REVENUES MUST NOT BE DETAINED.

THE ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

Nanking, Dec. 14.—Stressing the paramount importance of unification of financial administration, the Executive Yuan, in a circular order issued yesterday to the various Provincial Governments throughout the country, instructs that notwithstanding the fact that abolition of *likin* will result in considerable loss to provincial revenue, national taxes, such as the salt tax and surtax, as well as the proposed special consumption tax will still be administered and collected by the National Government and must in no instance be detained by the Provincial Governments. The Central Treasury will, however, remit appropriate subsidies to the various provinces to make up any deficit in provincial budgets which may result from the abolition of *likin*.

This important order was issued pursuant to a petition from the Ministry of Finance. It is pointed out that *likin* has long constituted one of the principal sources of provincial revenue. Since the National Government issued the mandate ordering its abolition, a great number of petitions have been submitted by the Provincial Governments urging that definite measures for making up the loss of revenues from *likin* be decided upon so that deficits in provincial budgets may be averted. Some suggest that the salt surtax, after the abolition of *likin*, be collected by the Provincial Governments while others recommend that the proposed special taxes be designated as provincial revenues.

General Principles.

Such measures, tending as they do to disrupt and disorganize the revenue system, will, if adopted, inevitably constitute a serious hindrance to the unification of finance.

The following general principles were therefore adopted at the 3rd meeting of the new State Council:—

(1) Inasmuch as both the salt tax and the salt surtax form the principal sources of the National revenue, those which have hitherto been collected by the Provincial Treasuries shall hereafter be collected by the Central Treasury so that unification in salt taxation may be ensured and reorganization of the tax facilitated.

(2) The proposed special consumption tax, being a national tax, will be administered by the Central Authorities. A special bureau will be set up for that purpose and appropriate measures adopted and enforced so that uniformity in the collection of this new tax may be effected and undue burden to the people avoided.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hong Kong.

December 21, 1930, 4th Sunday in Advent:
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Ordination Service at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—The Lord Bishop of Victoria.
Evangelism at 6.00 p.m.
Preacher:—Rev. H.V. Koop.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

SPECIAL NOTICES, Christmas Eve Services.

TUESDAY, December 23, at 6.45 p.m.—Organ Recital and Christmas Carol.
CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, at 6.30 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
CHRISTMAS DAY—
7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
10.00 a.m.—Children's Service.
11.00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
12.15 p.m.—Holy Communion.
St. Stephen's Day, December 26, at 10.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, at 10.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
PATRONAL FESTIVAL.
7.45 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
9.15 p.m.—Social Gathering in Cathedral Hall.

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SUNDAY SERVICES, December 21, 1930, at 11.15 a.m.—

Subject:—Is the UNIVERSE INCLINED MAN AVALUED BY ATOMIC FORCES? The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings at 10 o'clock.

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Morning Service at 11 a.m. (Broadcast).

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Evening Service at 8 p.m.

Followed by social hour in the Church Hall.

Soloists—Mr. & Mrs. G. McLeod.

Preacher—Rev. E. G. Powell.

Sunday School—Kennedy Road at 10 a.m. Taiko at 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES on Thursday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

Preacher:—Rev. E. G. Powell.

(3) The National Government will grant appropriate subsidies to the various Provincial Governments to make up deficiency in administrative expenses resulting from *likin* abolition.



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"INNOCENTS OF PARIS."

When Maurice Chevalier, soldier
of France, and lion of the con-
tinental stage, came marching into
the silver screen at the Central
Theatre last night he gave his
audience a big thrill, and kept them
enthralled every moment that his
spirited voice—and body—were be-
fore them. For with Chevalier it
is not alone the animation of vocal
tone which "gets" people, young
and small, but it is also that tem-
peramental language of the hands,
the face, the feet.

In his current movie, "Innocents
of Paris," at the Central Theatre,
Chevalier plays the part of a
happy-go-lucky push-cart singer of
the Flea Market district of Paris.
He gets a chance to go on the stage
with his songs and pantomime, and
the plot affords him every oppor-
tunity to present the gorgeous
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songs, lyrics and ballads, which
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ment in Europe.

The picture is all-talking, and it
might be added, all-Chevalier, but
the work of his supporting cast is
none the less adequate and pleas-
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guards and the Revolutionary
troops and numbering as many as
10,000 players at one time, had not
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background of vivid drama, but
their battles, the crash of their can-
non, their mighty sweep to victory
singing the great song, which had
just been born to them—all had to
be perfectly recorded in sound.

Perhaps the most difficult
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that in which Miss La Plante, as
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dungeon by the mob who storms the
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hands bring her out on their
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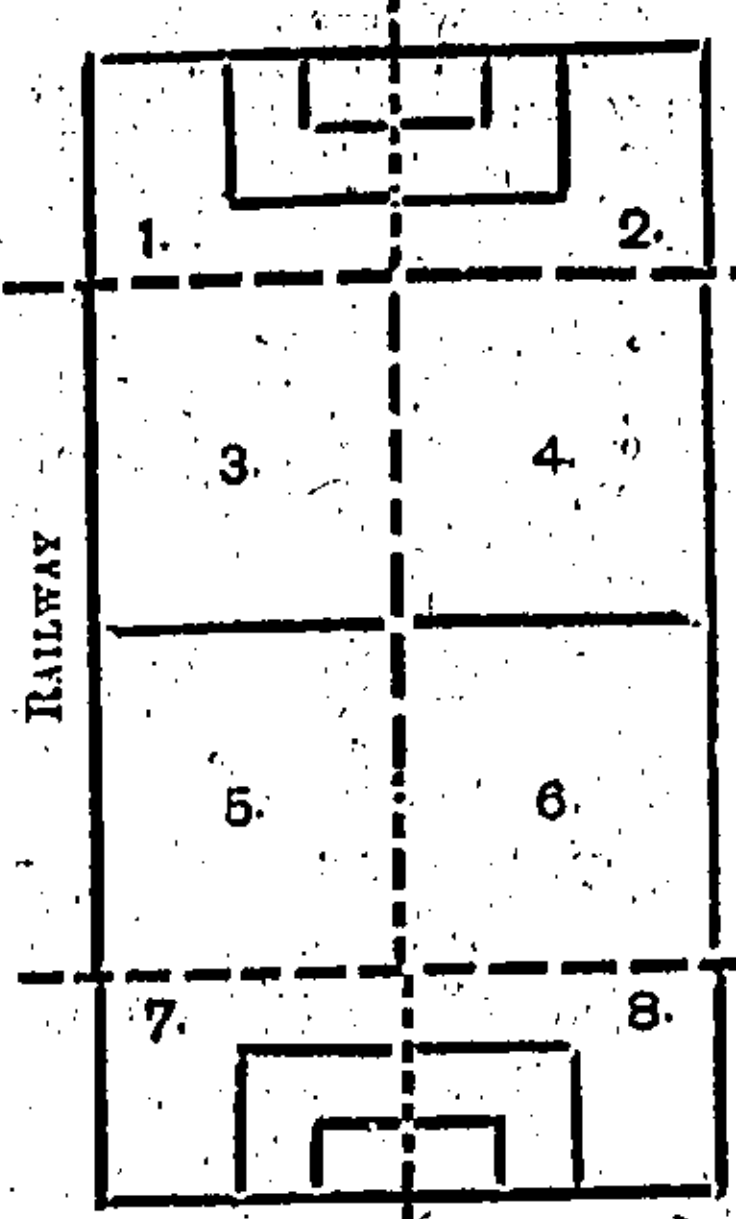
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DANCE PROGRAMME TO-NIGHT

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local
time, and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.

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5.30 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7 to 11.30 p.m.—European program-
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Band Selections.

7 to 7.35 p.m.—
"Ruy Blas."—H.M. Grenadier
Guards.
"Tangredi."—H.M. Grenadier
Guards.
"Wembley Military Tattoo."—H.M.
Grenadier Guards.
"Eileanore."—H.M. Grenadier
Guards.
"On the Quarter Deck."—H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

Musical Comedies.

7.35 to 8.10 p.m.—
"Chu Chin Chow"—Vocal gems.—
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"Chu Chin Chow"—The Cobbler's
Song.—Jamieson Dodds (Bar-
itone).
"The Gipsy Girl"—Stanley Holt's
Orchestra.
"Florodora"—Vocal gems.—Colum-
bia Light Opera Co.
"The Desert Song"—Piano Med-
ley.—Billy Meyer.

Organ Solos.

8.10 to 8.35 p.m.—
"Four Indian Love Lyrics."—Patt-
man.
"In a Monastery Garden."—G. T.
Pattman.
"Andantino."—G. T. Pattman.
"Ballad Memories."—Quentin M.
Maclean.

Operatic.

8.35 to 9 p.m.—
"Die Meistersinger."—Bruno Wal-
ter and Symphony Orchestra.
"Carmen."—The Toreador Song.—
Harold Williams and the B.B.C.
Chorus.
"Tannhauser"—O Star of Eve.—
Harold Williams and the B.B.C.
Chorus.
"Barber of Seville"—I'm the Facto-
rum of the Town.—Denis
Noble (Baritone).
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
etc.

Variety.

9.05 to 9.30 p.m.—
Band—"Stein Song."—The Na-
tional Military Band.
Ukulele Solo—"Singing a Song
to the Stars."—Ukulele Ika.
Humorous Song—"The Railway
Guard."—Will Fyfe.
Piano Medley—"Sons o' Guns."
—Billy Meyer.
Song—"The Strolling Yodler."—
Harry Robinson.
Duet—"Layton and Johnstone
Medley."—Layton and John-
stone.

Dance Programme.

9.30 to 11.30 p.m.—
Fox Trot—"March of the Gren-
adiers."—The Rhythmic Trou-
badours.
Fox Trot—"My Love Parade."—
The Rhythmic Troubadours.
Fox Trot—"What a Perfect
Night for Love."—Van Phillips
and His Band.
Fox Trot—"Without My Gal."—
Van Phillips and His Band.
One Step—"We've Got to Carry
On."—The B.B.C. Dance Orch.
Waltz—"You'll Never Realize."—
The B.B.C. Dance Orch.
Comedians—"I Don't Want to
Go Home."—The Two Gilberts.

Comedians—"I've Got a Fool-
ing."—The Two Gilberts.
Fox Trot—"Nippy—Two of
Everything."—Van Phillips and
His Band.
Fox Trot—"Nippy—It Must Be
You."—Van Phillips and His
Band.

Slow Fox Trot—"He's My Secret
Passion."—The Four Bright
Sparks.

One Step—"Let's Go Native."—
The Four Bright Sparks.
Fox Trot—"A Slave to Love."—
Buckingham String Players.
Waltz—"The Same as We Used
To Be."—Buckingham String
Players.

Variety—Novelty—"Hunting
Tigers Out in Indian."—B.B.C.
Dance Orchestra.
Waltz—"Day by Day."—B.B.C.
Dance Orchestra.

Fox Trot—"June Kisses."—Per-
cival Mackey and His Band.
Fox Trot—"What's the Use of
Living Without Love."—Per-
cival Mackey and His Band.

One Step—"There's a Good Time
Coming."—B.B.C. Dance Orch.
Fox Trot—"Over the Garden
Wall."—B.B.C. Dance Orch.
Fox Trot—"Cuban Love Song."—
Percival Mackey and His
Orchestra.

Waltz—"Fleur D'Amour."—Per-
cival Mackey and His Orch.
Fox Trot—"Laughing Marion-
ette."—Paul Whiteman and His
Orchestra.

Fox Trot—"S'posin'."—Paul
Whiteman and His Orch.
Song—"Give Yourself a Pat on
the Back."—Johnny Walker and
His Rollickers.

Song—"The Sing Song."—John-
ny Walker and His Rollickers.
Fox Trot—"My Moan."—That
Thing—Guy Lombardo and
His Orchestra.

Fox Trot—"Go Home and Tell
Your Mother."—Guy Lombardo
and His Orchestra.
Fox Trot—"To-morrow is An-
other Day."—Ted Wallace's
Campus Boys.

Fox Trot—"Don't Tell Her."—
Ted Wallace's Campus Boys.
Waltz—"Somewhere in Old
Wyoming."—Ben Selvin and
His Orchestra.

Waltz—"Moonlight on the Col-
orado."—Ben Selvin and His
Orchestra.
"God Save The King."

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

Union Church Service.

Voluntary.

Hymn—"When Morning Gilds
The Skies."
Invocation and Lord's Prayer.
Scripture Reading: St. Luke 2,
V. 1 to 18.

Hymn—"While Shepherd's Watch
Their Flocks by Night."
Children's Address.
Hymn—"Once in Royal David's
City."

Prayer.

Solo—By Mr. W. H. Bailey: "But
Who May Abide, Messiah."
Offertory.
Hymn—"It Came Upon the Mid-
night Clear."

Sermon.

Where to go for Christmas.
Bethlehem!
Hymn—"Oh Come All Ye Faith-
ful."

National Anthem.

The Benediction.
12 noon—Chinese programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report.
3 p.m.—Close down.

3 to 10 p.m.—European program-
me of Columbia records selected
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son Music Co.

9 p.m.—Weather report.
"Pomp and Circumstance."—H.M.
Grenadier Guards.
"Land of Hope and Glory."—H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

"God Save the King."—H.M. Gren-
adier Guards.
"Abide With Me."—Dame Clara
Butt (Contralto).
"Elegie."—Albert Sammons (Vio-
linist).

"Memories of Tchaikowsky."—J.
H. Squire Celeste Octette.
"Love's Dream."—J. H. Squire
Celeste Octette.

"Minuet."—B.B.C. Wireless Sym-
phony Orchestra.
"Les Millions D'Arlequin."—
B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Or-
chestra.

"A Perfect Day."—Dame Clara
Butt (Contralto).
"Memories of Chopin."—J. H.
Squire Celeste Octette.

"Moon-Enchanted."—Dora Lab-
bette and Hubert Bisdell.
"Love's Old Sweet Song."—Dora
Labbette and Hubert Bisdell.
"Cavatina."—Arthur Catterall
(Violinist).

"Hungarian Dance."—Arthur Cat-
terall (Violinist).
"Arabian Night."—Madrid Sym-
phony Orchestra.
"Home Sweet Home."—Dame
Clara Butt (Contralto).
"O That We Two Were Maying."—
Dame Clara Butt (Contralto).

"Jolly Fellows."—New Concert
Orchestra.
"Les Sirenes."—H.M. Grenadier
Guards.
"Les Fatineurs."—H.M. Grenadier
Guards.

10 p.m.—Close down.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

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Parades.

(a).—Corps Band:—
There will be no band practice
until further orders.

(b).—Battery:—
There will be no parade until
January 8 unless specially ordered.

(c).—Engineer Company:—
Monday, December 22, Miniature
Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.

(d).—Corps Signals:—
There will be no further parades
until Thursday, January 8, 1931.

(e).—Machine Gun Troop:—
There will be no further parades
until Thursday, January 8, 1931.

(f).—Armoured Car Company:—
1.—Car Section: Parades on
Monday, December 22, as ordered
by O.C.

2.—Motor Cycle Section: There
will be a parade at Headquarters
at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, December
22, for Machine Gun instruction.

(g).—Machine Gun Company:—
There will be no parade until
after Christmas holidays.

(h).—Scottish Company:—
No parade until further orders.

(i).—Portuguese Company:—
No parades until January 2, 1931.

Parades at Headquarters.

No parades will be held at Head-
quarters from Wednesday, Decem-
ber 24, 1930, to Friday, January 2,
1931.

Rifles and Bayonets.

All rifles and bayonets will be re-
turned to Store before the 24th
inst.

Board of Survey.

A Board of Survey composed as
under will assemble at Corps Head-
quarters on a date and at an hour
to be chosen by the President for
the purpose of checking stores under
terms of General Order 371(a).

Machine Gun Course.

The following obtained over 200
points in Part II. Machine Gun
Course at Stonecutters on Novem-
ber 16 and December 10:—

Points.
No. 1234 Lee-Correl. A. N.
Braude, No. 7 Platoon, 225
No. 1035 Pte. D. C. Brodie,
No. 7 Platoon, 201
No. 1043 Pte. E. A. Walter,
No. 7 Platoon, 203

Machine Gun Competition.

The following are the results of
the Machine Gun Competition
which was decided at Fanning
during the Annual Camp:—

Points.
1. Motor Cycle Section, 293
2. Machine Gun Company, 235
3. "D" Section, 233
4. Machine Gun Company, 233
5. "A" Section, 231
6. Machine Gun Company, 231
7. "G" Section, 231
8. Armoured Car Company, 220
9. Car Section, 216
10. Scottish Company, No. 215
11. Machine Gun Troop, No. 204
12. Scottish Company, No. 7
13. Platoon, 181
14. Machine Gun Company,
"O" Section, 108
H.P.S. 500.

Good average all round scoring
was made, and there is a difference
of less than 100 points between
the scores of the winning team and
the last.

Tactical Exercise.

A Tactical Exercise including
Field Firing will be held at Fanning
on Sunday, January 25, 1931.
The following units will take
part:—

Corps Signals.
Machine Gun Troop.
Armoured Car Company.
Machine Gun Company.
Scottish Company.
Portuguese Company.

Attendance will count as two
parades or one day in Camp.
Full details will be issued later.

Transfer.

No. 1049 Pte. M. M. Gutierrez,
No. 9 Platoon, is transferred to
Corps Band as from December 11,
1930.

No. 1247 Pte. W. N. Matchim,
No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Re-
serve Company as from December 10,
1930.

No. 944 Signa. A. E. Coates, Corps
Signals, is transferred to Reserve
Company as from December 10,
1930.

Strength.

The following has been taken on
Corps strength:—
No. 1035 Pte. K. C. Hamilton,
Armoured Car Company, Motor
Cycle Section, as from December 10,
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(Sgd.) W. H. G. GOATER,
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Rome.—Following upon the recent new law governing free Jewish associations in Italy and by which they will be federated into one big union, the Press publishes, no less than fourteen telegrams received by Signor Mussolini from Jewish heads of university groups and other organisations in Italy expressing devoted thanks to the Duce for the new law.
Contemporaneously however, the *Regime Fascista*, Signor Farinacci's newspaper, publishes a thinly veiled comment on the Jews, "Whom the Duce has been treating with gloved hands," and refers in a sibylline way to the important part the Jews are beginning to play in Italy, and especially in the Vatican, finance and legislation. The tone of such comment is hardly in keeping with the shower of telegrams which the Duce is said to be receiving.

A POET'S NEED.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF SIR W. WATSON.

A wide appeal on behalf of Sir William Watson, of whom it is said, "This oldest of our living poets lies ill and in poverty," is made over the names of many distinguished people Sir William is 72.
"William Watson, the appeal states, 'has remained loyal to the high purposes with which he set out, and has splendidly fulfilled them. As a lord of language he is in the Miltonic tradition.
'We fear it must be accepted as a melancholy fact that the world is too often neglectful of its chief authentic singers until the shroud covers them; and we wish for our country that at least it shall have no cause here for final self-reproach.
'We have accordingly decided to inaugurate a testimonial fund in recognition of Sir William's magnificent contribution to the

poetry of our time and race, and in spite of the abnormally difficult conditions now everywhere prevailing we do not doubt that our appeal will meet with an immediate and generous response, both here and in the Dominions, and in America.

Sir William Watson, who has lived for several years at Peacehaven, has gone to Bath for the winter months. He is suffering from bronchial trouble, and for the most part is confined to bed.
A few months ago Lady Watson told an interviewer that the publication in 1928 of a volume of selected works had not brought in more than £10.

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WAR ON THE MAGNATES.

GERMAN SOCIALIST MANIFESTO.

War on banks, the Stock Exchange and the whole system of "interest serfdom" is declared by the German National-Socialist (Fascist) Party in resolutions which are to be submitted to the Reichstag by Hitler's parliamentary henchmen.

One resolution reads: "The Reichstag resolves that the entire property of the banks and Stock Exchange magnates, of all Eastern Jews and their families who have settled in Germany since August 1, 1914, and of all increment value that has accrued from war, revolution inflation and deflation, be confiscated in the national interest."

Other proposals in the Fascist financial programme, to come before the Reichstag at an early date, are:

1.—That the highest legal rate of interest be limited to five per cent., of which at least one per cent. is to serve for the funding of the debt.

At the end of 50 years, any debt is to be regarded as extinguished.

Lenders who charge more than five per cent. interest on a loan to be branded as usurers and sent to gaol for at least three months. No Loophole Abroad.

2.—People who refuse to repatriate capital they may possess abroad to be fined a sum of money equal to such capital and sentenced to penal servitude for treachery to the Fatherland.

3.—The Reichsbank, private banks and Savings Banks only to discount bills of exchange which represent purely commercial transactions.

A banker or a bill broker who breaks this regulation to be fined 2500 and besides render himself liable to a term of imprisonment.

4.—All "futures" to be forbidden and only cash transactions to be authorised on the Stock Exchange.

Stockbrokers breaking these regulations to go to gaol for one month.

All dealings in securities to be abolished.

5.—The present insanely high remuneration of managing directors and directors of companies to be reduced in the interests of the community.

These confiscatory proposals have caused some alarm among those German financiers and industrialists, who, out of fear of Socialism, have unwisely subsidised the National Socialist Party.

HONEST WAY TO TRADE RECOVERY. ECONOMISE, WORK HARDER, AND CO-OPERATE.

Addressing a Liberal meeting at Dudley, Mr. Theodore C. Taylor, head of a well-known Dudley profit-sharing firm of woollen manufacturers and a former Liberal M.P. for Radcliffe-cum-Farworth, condemned Protection as a policy of darkness, as opposed to cheapness of commodities. It was suggested, he said, that if foreign cloth was kept out of England there would be no short-time in the cloth trade. That could not be, as our foreign cloth imports were so small a proportion of the cloth we used that if British mills got orders for it all it would make comparatively little difference to us.

Pointing out that Protection never worked out fairly, Mr. Taylor said that it would not be fair to this country, for instance, to protect the food producer. After two or three years of undignified wriggling Mr. Baldwin was back where he was in 1923—as an undisciplined, all-round Protectionist.

The honest and only way to recover our lost trade was to economise, work harder and perhaps longer, and for employers and employees to co-operate instead of fighting each other. There must also be a drastic reduction of public expenditure.

(Continued on next Column.)

SHOUTED DOWN.

MISS SUSAN LAWRENCE'S SOCIALIST CRITICS.

Miss Susan Lawrence, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, was shouted down time after time while addressing a meeting arranged by the local Labour Party at Poplar Town Hall.

She spoke on the administration of the Poor Law.

Pandemonium broke out when she remarked that there were some "who drink plenty and neglect their children." There were shouts of "Good old Tory!"

A heckler cried: "Why does not the Labour Government use the Emergency Powers Act to deal with the unemployed?"

Miss Lawrence, in reply, had only uttered the words "If we had a majority behind us" when there was renewed uproar, and many of her audience began to sing "Toll me the old, old story."

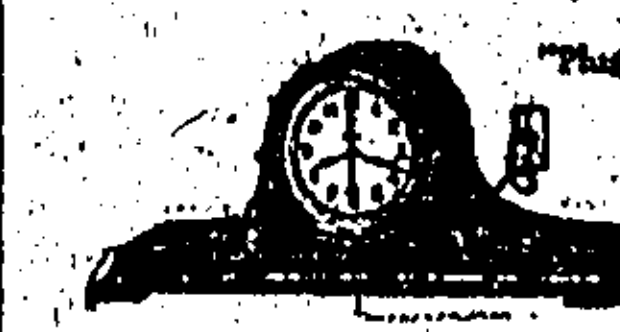
When order was restored Miss Lawrence spoke of the difficulties of dealing with local authorities who thought that the Labour Government would be going out in three months.

"I do not think we shall go out in three months," she declared.

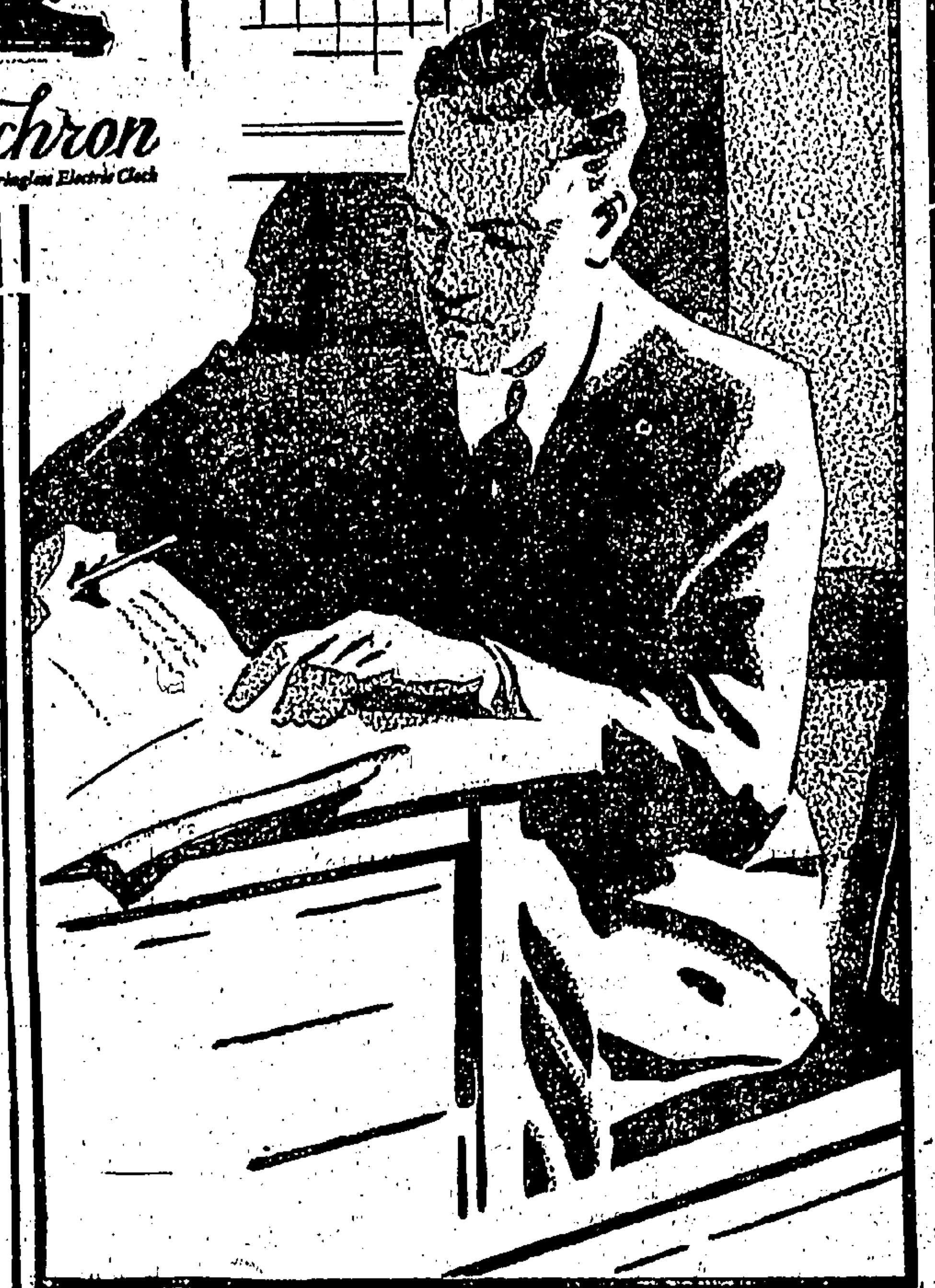
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The Company will be in a position to take full advantage of all the latest epoch-making inventions in shipbuilding and avoid having any part of its capital tied up in obsolete equipments.

This means that a Motor-Shipbuilding Yard with Repairing Works for all types of Motors will not only have new-buildings to complete but will have repair work on hand on an increased scale.

A Yard specialising in Motors requires less machinery and equipment than an ordinary shipyard, thus eliminating heavy and expensive plants for the building of boilers and other steam auxiliaries. What is essential in a Motor Shipbuilding Yard is a well-equipped Repair Shop for Diesel Engines and Motors for land and sea and up-to-date facilities for docking ships.

The Company has entered into an Agreement with the Hong Kong Government to acquire a most suitable space known as Kowloon Marine Lot No. 90 at To Kwa Wan, Kowloon Bay, with a total area of 222,000 sq. ft. with all buildings, etc. This area until recently was occupied for more than 25 years by the Kwong Tack Cheong Shipyard, Ltd., which has built more than 120 ships.

The purchase price is \$225,000 of which \$50,000 has been paid. It was surveyed in 1928 and valued by Messrs. Denison, Ravn & Gibbs at \$267,000 and re-surveyed and revalued by Messrs. Palmer & Turner in July, 1930, at \$345,000. This is the value of the land when used for ordinary purposes, but as a Marine Lot already reclaimed and consolidated at considerable expense, its value should be fixed at a much higher price.

The buildings have been repaired, two new steel worksheds have been erected and machinery tools, etc., which have been purchased have arrived from Europe. The shipyard will soon be again fully equipped and in working order. Four building berths for ships up to 350 feet length are at our disposal, and it is proposed to build 4 most up-to-date shipways for ships up to 300 feet in length.

The shipyard and repairing works are under the management of an experienced Motor-shipbuilding, Diesel-Engine, and Motor-Engineer who has been in Hong Kong since the last 10 years.

The Company will be able to give its customers every satisfaction so far as good workmanship and reasonable prices are concerned, have expert and experienced supervision.

The Company will first be supported by the Hoi Fook Shipping Co., Ltd., which has placed with the South China Motor-Shipbuilding & Repairing Works, Ltd., an order for the construction of 2 up-to-date motor-ships of 300 tons deadweight each. It is the intention of the Directors of the Hoi Fook Shipping Co., Ltd., to place an order for two larger motorships upon the satisfactory completion of the first two vessels. Hence from the very beginning the Company will have sufficient work on hand to keep its shipyard busy.

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The Memorandum of Association of the Company forms part of this Prospectus.

Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the Office of the Company or its Bankers or Solicitors.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1930.

AMERICAN HOPES IN RUSSIA.

SENATOR BORAH ON NEED FOR SOVIET MARKET.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA NECESSARY.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 12.—America's only hope of extending the markets for her raw materials and manufactured goods lies in China and Soviet Russia, Senator William E. Borah, Republican of Idaho and chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared in an interview with the United Press to-day.

To a United Press staff correspondent Senator Borah issued a warning that the country will suffer heavily financially in the event that the wreckers of Russian-American trade relations succeed in their campaign against Russia.

Stalin's Warning.

Senator Borah's remarks were occasioned by promulgation of new rules by the department of the treasury governing importations of goods into the United States. The rules are believed principally to affect Russian goods. Senator Borah's remarks also resulted from his study of an interview by M. Josef Stalin, secretary-general of the Communist Party, with Eugene Lyons, United Press staff correspondent in Moscow. In his interview M. Stalin stated that Russia will not trade with nations antagonistic to her.

Senator Borah said to-day that attacks on the Soviet now are designed to interfere with American trade with Russia just at a time when America needs foreign markets.

"The Russian trade is there," said Senator Borah. "Somebody is bound to obtain it. Therefore, attacks by America on the Soviet will merely turn the valuable Russian trade into other channels. We must realize that our only hope for market extension lies in Russia and China."

And China, Too.

Senator Borah declined to discuss methods of dealing with China at present. However, he said that the friendship of both China and Russia should be cultivated and that present trade relations should be fostered.

"By treating Russia and China fairly and by cultivating our relations with them," said Senator Borah, "we shall secure a vast market for American goods in future years."

Senator Borah is an advocate of diplomatic recognition of the Moscow Government by the United States. He is to make every effort to secure that recognition during the present session of congress. However, powerful influences oppose American recognition of Russia and the American Government itself demands that Moscow acknowledge her international financial obligations before receiving recognition.

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Then some time after the war his best friend and army comrade, M. Rumebe, was found dead in a sealed cupboard in the doctor's home.

At his trial Dr. Bougrat admitted that Rumebe had died in his arms, and suggested that injections he had given the dead man for some malady might have reacted wrongly. He also suggested that Rumebe might have taken poison when the doctor went out of the room.

With the body of his friend in his house and the empty bag that had contained the money, the doctor said that he suddenly realised how the circumstances might be construed as those of murder and robbery.

So he hid the body, thinking that facts that would clear him of suspicion would later come to light.

The Court did not accept his story, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment on the dreaded Devil's Island, French Guiana.

After many exciting adventures in Guiana, Dr. Bougrat reached Irapa, a town in Venezuela. There he organised relief measures which saved hundreds of lives in the town, where a pestilence was raging.

He became an honoured and respected citizen, remarried and settled down to live quietly with his wife and baby daughter.

But the French Government tried to drag him back to his former life. The people of Venezuela protested and signed petitions on behalf of the doctor-convict, who had become a national hero. Then Senor Gomez, President of Venezuela,

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SEPARATED BY REGULATION.

PLEA OF ENGLISH ACTRESS IN U.S.A.

Miss Valerie Taylor, the English actress, has complained to the Actors' Equity Association in New York that she faces an indefinite separation from her husband, Mr. Hugh Sinclair, the actor, because under their ruling on alien players she has to spend most of her time in England while Sinclair is working here.

The Equity's rule provides that an alien player may enjoy the privileges of an American resident-member only after performing one hundred weeks on the American stage. If the player has not one hundred weeks to his credit, then he must remain idle for six months between one contract and another.

Miss Taylor said: "Mr. Sinclair and I were married here last January. I played for 30 weeks in one production, after which I returned to England to allow the six months period to elapse."

"I have been offered the leading rôle in another play, which may not last more than five weeks, and after that I shall have to return to England for another six months to avoid complete idleness."

"My predicament is peculiar because, though my husband is British, he is not known in England, having acted here so long. He is qualified as a resident member and can take as many contracts as he can get. He can get jobs in New York, but I can't. I can get jobs in London, but he can't: so it looks as if we were facing a future of indefinite separation."

Mr. Frank Gilmore, president of the Equity, said that no exception could be made in Miss Taylor's case.

MEXICAN SONS OF ANAK.

PREHISTORIC GIANT RACE DISCOVERED.

Soyopa, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 12.—Definite proof that in prehistoric times a race of giants roamed the earth was discovered here to-day by members of a scientific expedition headed by Dr. Byron Cummings of the University of Arizona.

Important fossil remains were found at this point, which is about 160 miles south of the Mexican-American frontier. The region at present is inhabited by bands of fierce Yaqui Indians. They are resentful of the foreign intrusion. For that reason the scientists are working at night to enable themselves to better guard against attacks by the Indians during the daylight hours.

One of the first discoveries of Dr. Cummings' party, following its arrival, was the skeleton of a "young boy." The "lad" was six feet, eight inches tall. The new skeleton was found at a spot near that at which a previous investigator found the skeletons of three giants, one of a man and two of women.

Those working on the location to-day said the discoveries have a cemetery used by giants who inhabited this region in prehistoric times. Dr. Cummings to-day found the skeletons of four children. In addition he found jars containing human ashes.

intervened and asked the French authorities to give the doctor special consideration.

Now Dr. Bougrat has announced that he would like to prove his innocence. Maître Stefan Martin, who was the doctor's counsel during his trial for murder, has asked to be readmitted to the Bar to fight for the doctor's acquittal.

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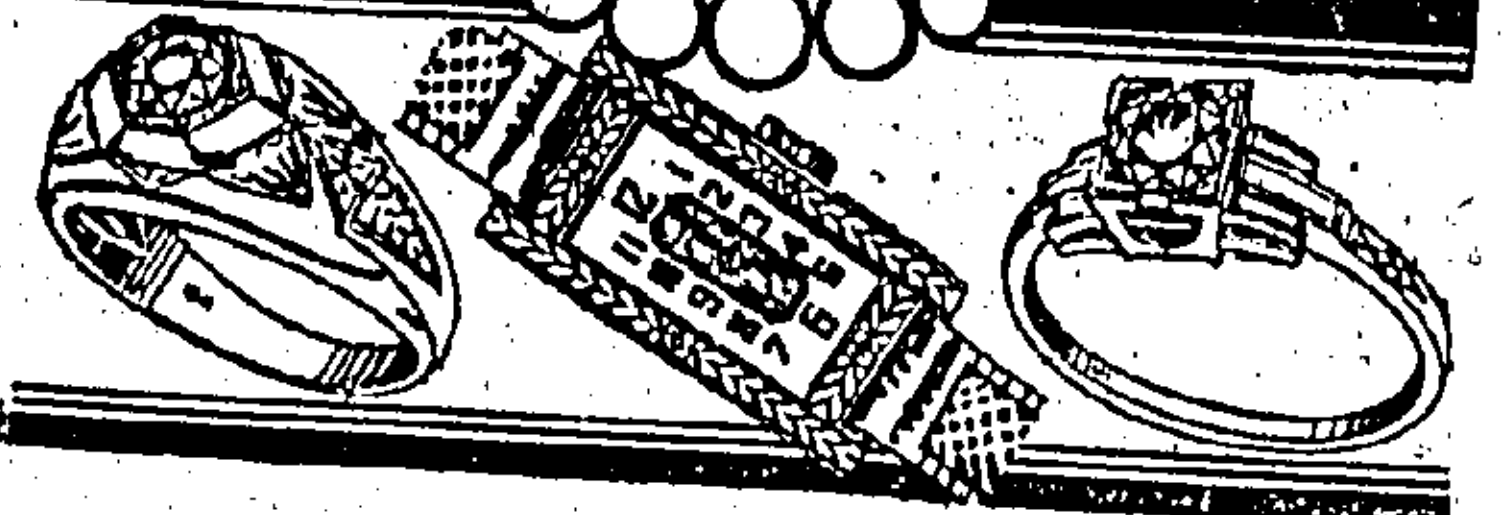
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LORRY OUT OF CONTROL.

SMASHES SIX STALLS IN MAD CAREER.

Some considerable excitement was caused in Centre Street yesterday morning when a heavily-laden P. W. D. lorry skidded and got out of hand, and careering down a hill for a hundred yards, it eventually came to a halt after carrying away with it in its zig-zag course, no fewer than six stalls which were on the side of the road.

There is a sharp incline down Centre Street, and as the two-and-a-half-ton Dennis lorry skidded and began its mad career down the slope, it was generally expected that disaster would be attendant on it. Fortunately, however, beyond the fact that an old woman who was sitting beside one of the stalls, was slightly injured as she was swept away with her stall and four coolies, who jumped clear of the lorry before it came to a standstill, were slightly bruised, there were no casualties.

The lorry is owned by the P. W. D. and at the time was proceeding to the Government Civil Hospital. At the top of Centre Street, it skidded over the greasy surface of the road but the holders of the vegetable stalls on either side of the road were warned in good time and they got out of the way quickly.

A distance of about 150 yards had been thus traversed with the driver frantically endeavouring to regain control, when the lorry came to a sharp halt against a side channel in the lower intersection of Centre Street, within a few feet of a hoarding overlooking a site of the new Saiyungun Market.

NEW YORK FETES DR. EINSTEIN.

CROWDS LINE BROADWAY TO SEE SCIENTIST.

New York, Dec. 13.—For the first time since his recent arrival in the United States Dr. Albert Einstein, the famous Berlin physicist of relativity fame, broke his seclusion programme and made a public appearance.

Dr. Einstein left his steamship, aboard which he has been living, and rode up Broadway—the route along which New York acclaims heroes. Great crowds loudly cheered the man whose theories have intrigued and yet baffled thousands.

On the steps of New York's City Hall Mayor James J. "Smiling Jimmy" Walker greeted Dr. Einstein and welcomed him to Gotham Town and to America. Dr. Einstein was escorted up Broadway by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University. Professor Einstein delivered a short speech over a radio broadcasting network. He then delivered an address before the Aukon Zionists' Federation meeting. To-night he attended a Maccabean Festival in the Madison Square Garden.

Travelled Under Assumed Name. Dr. Einstein, called the "universe maker" by some, has come to the United States to accept an invitation to spend three months in special research work. The fact that his fame has become so great as a result of his startling theories has caused him to seek as much seclusion as possible. He travelled to America under an assumed name, as did his wife, a secretary and Dr. Meyer, an assistant. Secrecy surrounded plans for the transoceanic voyage.

For some time there have been reports in scientific circles that Prof. Einstein is conducting further research in the field of electrodynamics. Whether his experiments will lead to a new theory or an elaboration of the field theory has been a subject of speculation.

COXSAIN CAUTIONED.

LEAVING HARBOUR WITHOUT A PERMIT.

The coxswain of the motor-boat Moonraker was summoned before Commander G. F. Hale at the Marine Court yesterday for leaving the harbour without a clearance at 11.30 a.m. on December 14.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence and entered a plea of not guilty.

Serge Jessop stated that shortly after 11 a.m. on December 14 he was on duty in a police launch near Stonecutters' Island when he saw defendant's motor-boat going from east to west. He allowed the motor-boat to go past him and then ordered the coxswain of his police launch to follow. By this time the Moonraker was well out of harbour limits, being near a small island called Cheungchow a little north of Chung Yee Island.

Witness ordered his coxswain to blow four blasts and after this was done, the Moonraker stopped and went alongside the police launch. Witness asked the defendant if he had a permit to go outside the harbour limits, to which defendant replied that he had a permit on December 9 valid for 24 hours.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby, witness said he thought the motor-boat was proceeding to Chun Wan. Mr. Loseby: If, as you say, you thought she was going to Chun Wan, why did you not stop her at once?

Witness: I thought at the time that she might go to the Torpedo Depot.

Where is the Torpedo Depot?—It is just on the harbour limit.

Sergeant Cross-examined.

Witness denied the suggestion made by Mr. Loseby that he allowed the defendant's motor boat to go past him in order to get a conviction.

In answer to further questions, witness said a conviction would have been of no use to him personally; he might have 200 cases a day but still would remain a lance-sergeant.

Mr. Loseby then called Chief Junk Inspector Hillier into the box to prove that defendant applied for a permit to go outside the harbour limits on December 9. This was granted but later the permit was returned to Mr. Hillier.

His Worship said that the fact that the defendant had taken out a permit on December 9 and later returned it did not mean that he could take it for granted that it would be all right for him to leave the harbour without taking out another permit. He was the coxswain of the motor boat and it was his duty to see that everything was in order before leaving the harbour. His Worship said he must find defendant guilty, but would only caution him.

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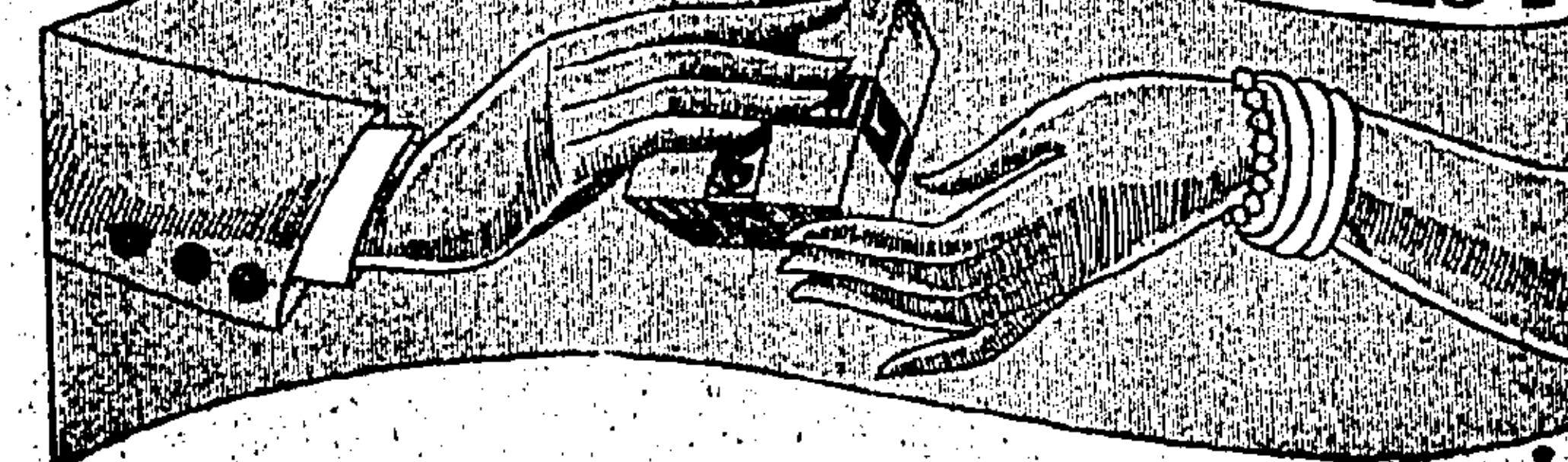
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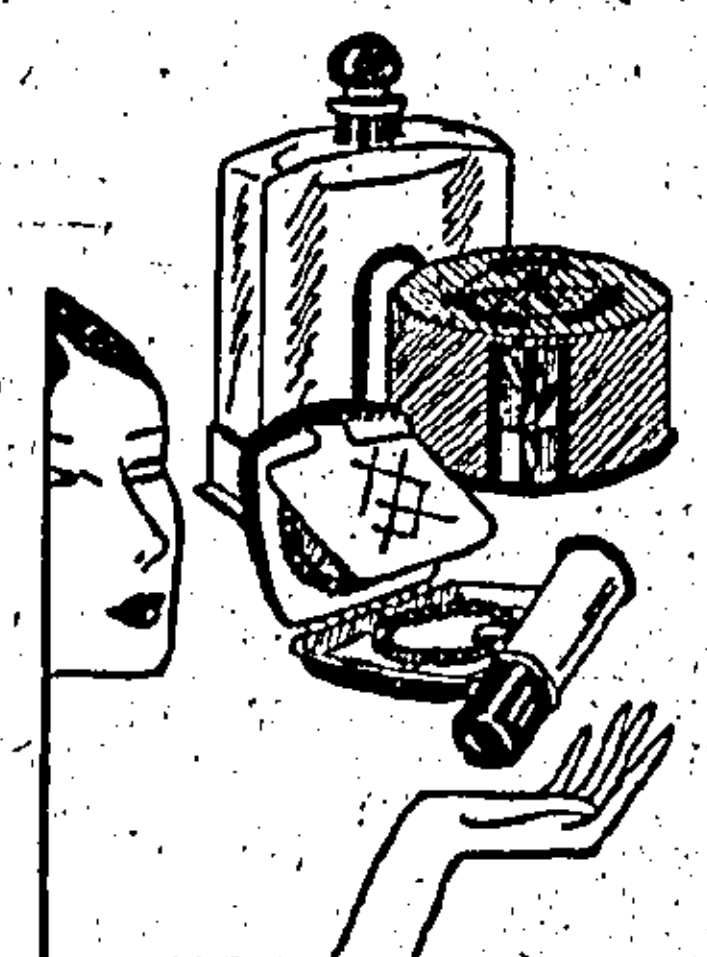
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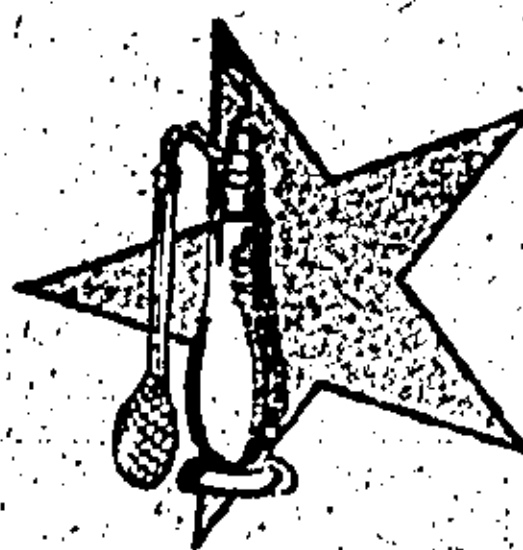
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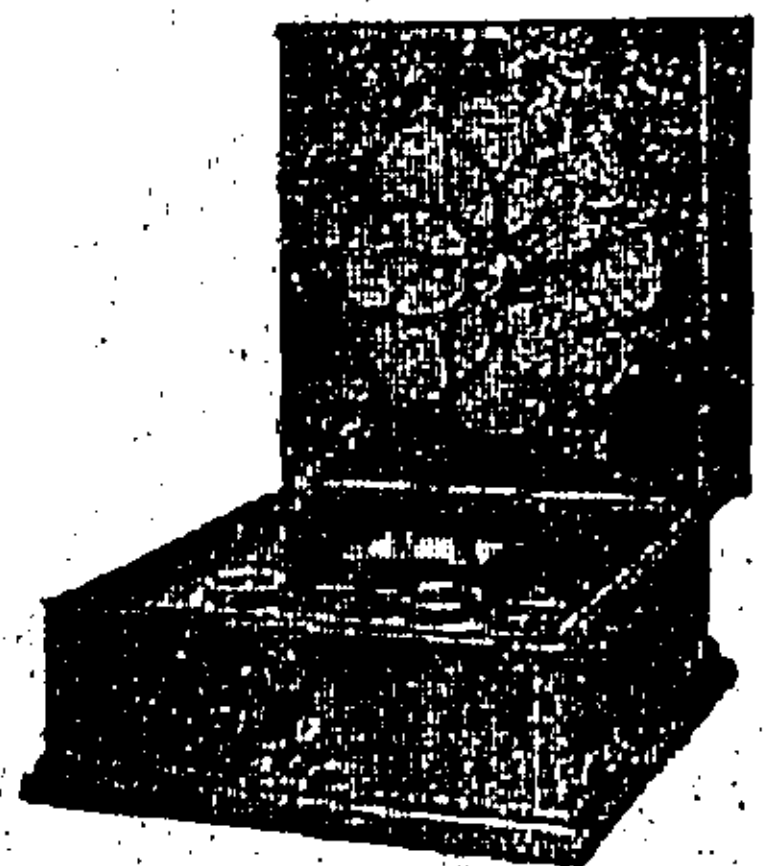
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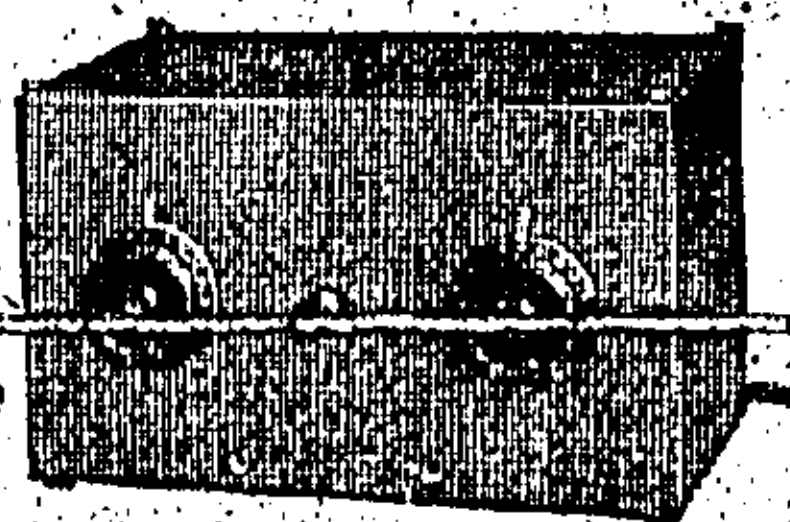


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PRIZE-GIVING DAY AT PEAK SCHOOL.

BRIGHT ENTERTAINMENT BY SCHOLARS.

FULL LIST OF PRIZES.

The annual prize-giving of the Peak School was held at the Peak Club yesterday, a large and appreciative audience of parents and friends being present. The presentation of prizes was preceded by a short dramatic entertainment given by the pupils. The whole performance attained an unusually high standard of excellence, much better than one would expect from such young artists. The concerted numbers, singing and dancing were all cleverly executed, but perhaps the *pièce de résistance* of the programme was "the Pied Piper of Hamelin," an ambitious piece, but carried through from start to finish with an efficiency that would have done credit to children of a far more advanced age.

The training of the children reflects great credit on the producers who are to be congratulated on turning out such an excellent entertainment.

Annual Report.

The report for the year was as follows:—

School opened on January 6 with 63 pupils and closed on December 19 with 61 pupils. The attendance was fairly well maintained throughout the spring and summer terms, but fell away during the Christmas term, when we had three cases of mumps. Numbers of children were kept at home for six weeks to avoid infection. Attendance and work suffered greatly as result. We closed school on July 11, instead of July 18, due to illness on the staff. The school in consequence re-opened a week earlier on September 8.

The school was visited regularly by Dr. Minett and parents informed of tonsils, teeth, etc., requiring attention. Other cases, where exercises would be beneficial, were treated in school by Miss Jaques. In the summer term we had one case of trachoma and in the Christmas term, three cases of mumps. Otherwise the health of the school was satisfactory.

During the year, the Inspector of Schools and the Director of Education came and inspected us. The usual end of term examinations were held and the results were very satisfactory. Reports of children, who had gone from us to schools at home were also most satisfactory. I take this opportunity of thanking the Staff for their willing and able assistance throughout the year.

Prize List.

The following is the list of prize-winners:—

Class X:—Marion Bloomfield, June Ralston, Ann Sellers, Jean Whyte-Smith, Monique Curviller, Margaret Stewart, Marygold Sorby, Pamela Shaw, Phyllis Oliver, Elisabeth Forster, Elizabeth Benfield, Isabel Butters, Gillian Hutson, Ruth Tappan, Jean Weight, Leslie Womack, Bill Adams, Robin Shaw, Neville Mills, Ian Nicol, Morris Langston.

Class IX:—Division I: 1st prize, Helen Sanger and Honour Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd prize, Jim Stewart; 3rd prize, Hugh Cassidy. Division II: 1st prize, Joan Ross.

Class VIII:—Division I: 1st prize, Barbara Kerrich, and Honour Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd prize, Alison Kinghorn; prize for General Improvement, Heather Shields. Division II: 1st prize, Catherine Whyte-Smith, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd prize, Eric de Rome, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 3rd prize, Joan Thoroughgood and Preparatory Drawing Certificate. Preparatory Drawing Certificate: Ian Mackichan; Lesley Romage; Daphne Parker-Rees; Betty Richards.

Class VII:—Division I (Boys): 1st prize, Richard Kerrich; 2nd prize, Derek Scull. Division II (Girls): 1st prize, Anne Forster, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; Donald Wallace.

Mr. De Martin said that his wife was deeply appreciative of the honour of being asked to give the prizes. It was a pleasure for him to see all these jolly children. He

happy Christmas, and would try and go easy with the plum pudding. The children then gave three rousing cheers for Mr. and Mrs. De Martin.

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REPORT ON YEAR'S WORKING.

NET PROFITS EXCEEDS £32,000.

The statement of accounts and balance sheet of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd., for the year ended June 30, 1930, which will be laid before the shareholders at the eighth ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the head office of the Company at St. George's Building, Hong Kong, on December 20, state:—

The profit on working account after charging depreciation (£27,290.86) and General Manager's commission, is £37,574.87 to which has to be added income from investments, interest and scrip fees totalling 3,133.82

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Consulting committee's, directors' and auditors' fees £2,101.03
Commission to the managing agents at Sandakan 3,236.07
Sinking fund to replace the value of the company's concession 2,093.94

The net profit for the year amounts to £32,669.75

This amount, transferred to general profit and loss account, reduces the balance at debit of that account to £50,381.73.
(Continued on next Column.)

UNEMPLOYED CHINESE FROM MALAYA.

RELIEF MEASURES IN CANTON.

The Canton Government has formed a committee to arrange for the relief of unemployed Chinese workers from Malaya.

Members of the Committee are holding a series of meetings to discuss relief measures, and two members were dispatched to investigate the number of unemployed overseas Chinese now in Canton.

According to the investigation, the number is 600 to 700 up to the present time but many more are expected to arrive back as time goes on.

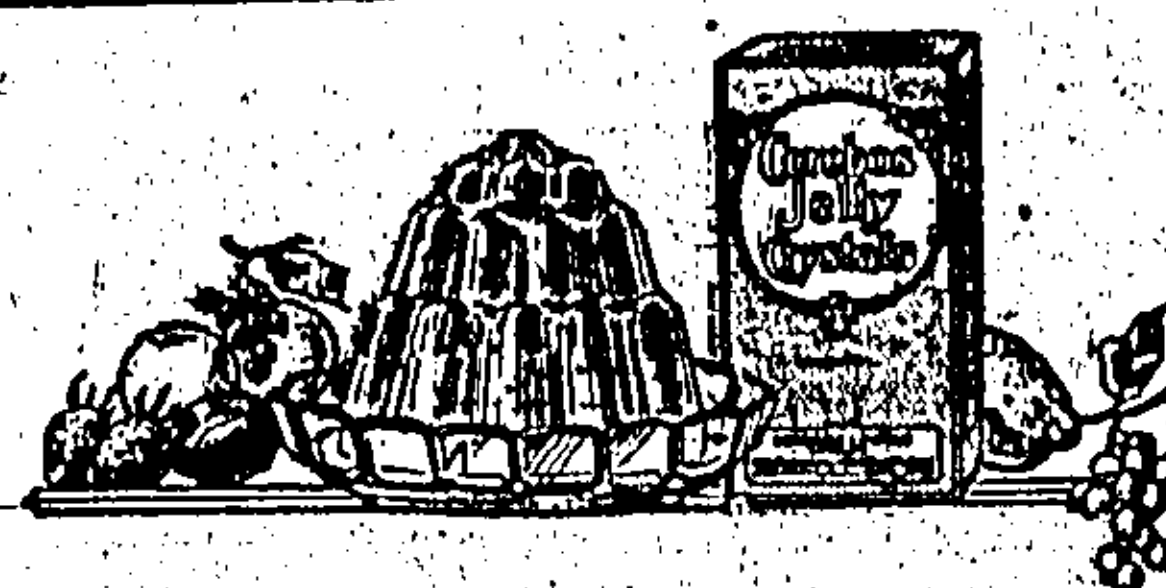
New Articles.

On January 15, 1930, new articles of association were adopted by the company, under which the consulting committee ceased to exist and a board of directors was formed in its place consisting of the gentlemen formerly constituting the consulting committee.

The directors of the company are:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (ex-officio), Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, and Mr. S. M. Churn.

In accordance with article 95 of the new articles of association, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. C. A. da Rosa retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts in Hong Kong have been audited by Messrs. Love, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who retire, but offer themselves for re-election.



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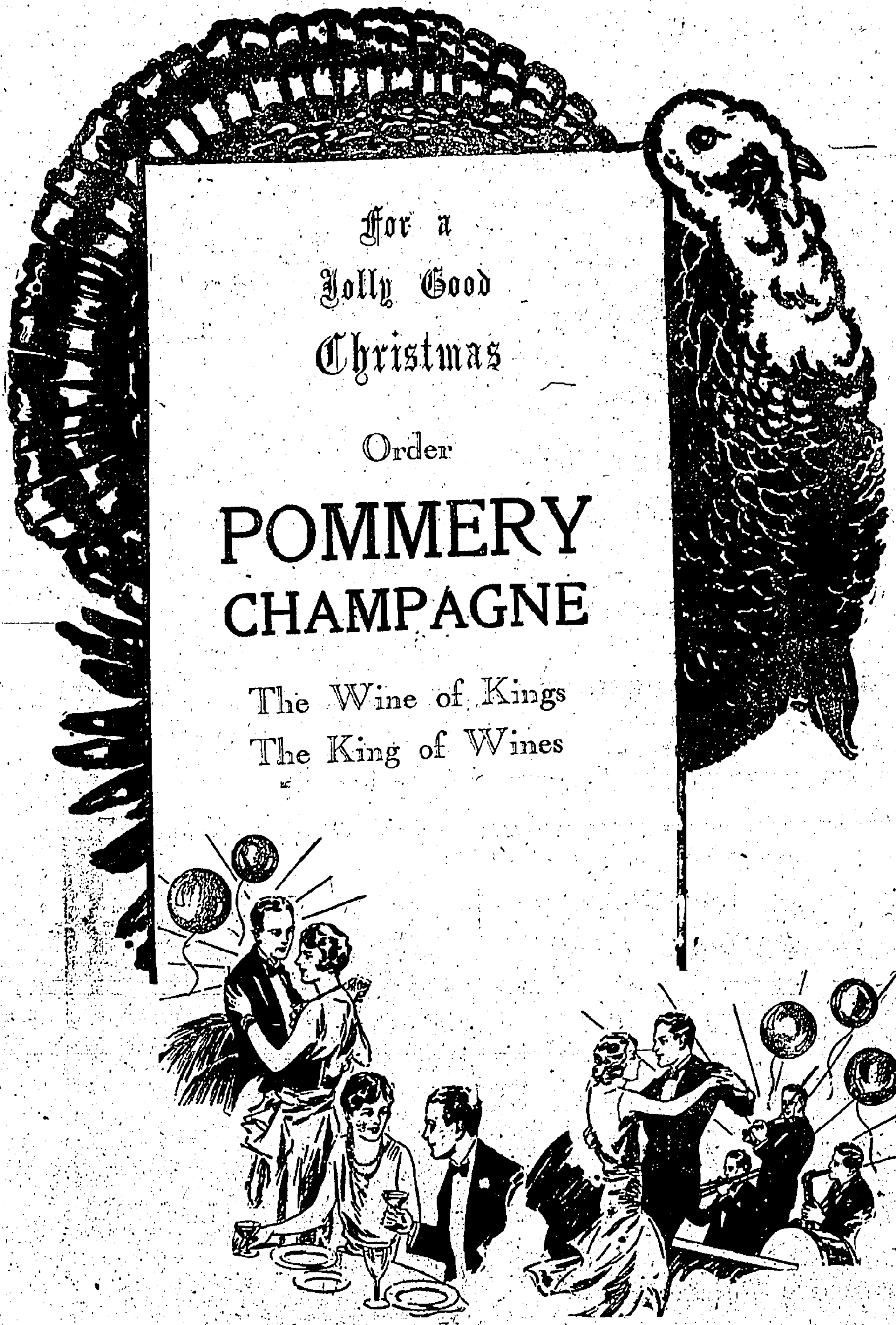
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CANTON PROPERTY SALES.

TO BE CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT.

ELIMINATING REAL-ESTATE BROKERS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 17.

The Provincial Government of Kwangtung is contemplating the establishment of a land sales office to increase its revenues and to prevent fraudulent practices among the brokers. The Government complains of the prevalence of underhanded transactions in the real estate business which is invariably done through brokers. It is usually the practice of these brokers to raise the cost of the property at times far above what the owner asks for, when talking to a prospective buyer, an agreement having of course been first made with the seller that the brokers are to receive the surplus, whatever it may be.

Many an uninitiated investor in real estate has thus been defrauded of large sums of money. Moreover, they receive in addition a commission of from 3 to 5 per cent. on the transaction.

It is suggested in official circles that all this fraud will be done away with when the Government has established a land sales office, requiring that all transactions in real estate must be done openly and through it. This would be tantamount to dispensing with the duties of the broker altogether.

A Fixed Commission.

Anyone desirous of selling his property will have to go to the Government, which in turn will notify the public that such a property is for sale. A fixed commission will be charged for each sale effected. An authorized lawyer may act as witness in the transaction, as is done in both Hong Kong and Macao. In these two cities rarely, if ever, is there any dispute between those concerned after the transaction has been effected, whereas in Canton such disputes are of frequent occurrence.

That the Government's revenue will be increased from the establishment of such an organ is seen in the report of the correct and exact amount of the transaction which must be made to the Government and taxed accordingly.

It has been the practice of the buyer to put down on the new title deeds to be submitted to the Government for recognition of the change of ownership only a small fraction of the total amount paid for the property, to reduce the tax. This is plain cheating, in the eyes of the Government. And the buyer always has some understanding with the seller in such fraudulent practices. All this will be eliminated if the transaction is effected through the proposed Government office.

CANTON-SWATOW AIR SERVICE.

TO START NEXT MONTH.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 17.

The Canton-Swatow air service will be formally inaugurated on January 1, according to an announcement of the Aviation Department here. This will be the second of the three air lines for Kwangtung. The first, the Canton-Wuchow air service, has been in successful operation since the first of this month. The date for the inauguration of the third chartered line, the Canton-Hoihow air service, will not be decided upon until sometime later.

Travelling by air is still unpopular in South China, as indicated by the volume of business done by the Canton-Wuchow service. The great majority of the people here consider this modern mode of travelling unsafe, especially after the recent disaster in Shanghai. But this is to be expected, according to the promoters, as it is a novelty in travel. They are confident that this most modern means of travelling will gain in popularity as time goes on.

An air service connecting Canton and Tung Ka Wan has also been suggested in official circles, but it is unlikely that this scheme will be realized in the near future, unless subsidized by the Government. The Aviation Department has already declared that this will not be a profitable enterprise considered from a business viewpoint. Its monthly allowance does not permit it to open up this line, unless the Government is willing to reimburse what it loses daily.

"NOT GUILTY."

VILLAGE BOY ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

AN INADMISSIBLE STATEMENT.

"You are discharged, said Mr. Justice Wood to the village boy at the close of his trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for the murder of another youth. Both were employed as apprentice carpenters at Shok Wu Hui, in the New Territories.

Among the police witnesses called during the day was Detective Inspector Dorling, who was wheeled into Court on an invalid's chair, as he had just undergone an operation for a poisoned foot.

The Inspector stated that he had charge of the investigations and was present at Sheungshui Police Station when the accused made two statements. These were made voluntarily, and the second statement was entirely different from the first.

Objection By Defence.

After a police interpreter had given evidence of taking down a statement from the accused after administering the prescribed caution, Mr. Hin Shing Lo, Counsel for the defence, objected to one of the statements being put to the jury.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy argued that the statement was admissible; and that no threats of any kind had been made to the prisoner in order to obtain the statement. Counsel went on to quote authorities in support of his submission that the statement should go to jury.

His Lordship said that he did not desire to criticize the police, but having heard the evidence of police witnesses, he thought that the accused had been terrorized in some way. Before the accused made the statement he had been detained for two nights in the cell and had been taken across the harbour handcuffed. His Lordship held that under these circumstances the statement could not be allowed to go to the jury.

Brief addresses were made by Counsel for the two sides, the defence suggesting that the Crown case was based on flimsy evidence, and that circumstantial evidence was not sufficient to convict the prisoner.

Accused's Explanation.

In summing-up, his Lordship told the jury that the deceased was murdered by a sharp blow dealt with the chopper. The accused also had some cuts on his shoulder. The medical officer had expressed the view that the cuts on the shoulder might have been self-inflicted. The accused's explanation was that he went from the apartment in which he was sleeping with the deceased into the yard to obey a call of nature. He met two men, one of whom chased him and cut him on the shoulder with a sharp instrument. The accused further stated that he saw the other man enter the hut and he did not know how the deceased met his death.

The jury were absent about two minutes and returned an unanimous verdict of not guilty. Prisoner hurriedly left the dock when his Lordship told him he was discharged.

CANTON COLLEGE BUILDING COLLAPSE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 19.

Yesterday afternoon a portion of the Kwang Wa Medical College on Tai Hong Road suddenly collapsed without warning.

Two masons who were measuring the rooms preparatory to effecting repairs were injured, one sustaining a broken leg and lacerations about the body, the other a broken hand.

CONQUEROR OF IRONSIDES RETURNS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 19.

General Chiang Kwong Nai, Commander-in-Chief of the 10th Military Route and the conqueror of the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops, returned to Canton this morning by the s.s. Lungshan. He was met at the wharf by a large group of high officials of the Canton Government.

General Chiang was taken in an automobile to the General Military Headquarters, where a cordial welcome was accorded him.

SETH'S CORNER CRASH.

JURY'S RIDER REGARDING GEARS.

LORRY DRIVER DENIES POLICE STATEMENT.

The inquiry into the death of a Chinese who was killed as a result of a motor accident at Seth's Corner on the morning of December 8 was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. R. E. Lindell sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury.

It may be recalled that the accident occurred at the junction of Garden Road and Peak Road where a lorry carrying a load of bricks, in attempting to turn the corner, crashed into a wall and threw the occupants out with the result that one of them died from the injuries sustained.

The driver of the lorry, Mak Hok Kwai, stated that he got his driver's licence about three months ago. He started to drive the lorry, which was a Ford, two days before the accident. On the day in question his car was bringing bricks down from the Peak Road. He did not use the auxiliary gear when coming up but used it when the lorry was descending a steep hill.

The Coroner: When you started the second trip, did you start the engine?

Witness: Yes, I did. I started with the first gear as well as the auxiliary gear.

Auxiliary Gear Not Used.

After the accident, Inspector Saunders found that the auxiliary gear had not been used. A Joki who sat beside me fell forward when the accident occurred and I do not know whether he touched it or not.

It has been suggested that the cause of the accident is that the lorry was free-wheeling down the hill—I did use the auxiliary gear.

How did you come to lose control?—I applied the hand and foot brakes but they were of no avail.

But the police officer could find no skid marks—I think it was due to the sand on the road.

In reply to further questions witness admitted that the lorry was going too fast when turning the corner.

The Coroner: It is possible that you did not hold down the auxiliary gear and that was why you lost control of the lorry.

Witness: When I started the engine I knew that the auxiliary gear had been securely pressed down.

Speed Too Fast.

In summing-up, the Coroner said: "You heard from the evidence of the police officer that the auxiliary gear was not connected and that clearly was the cause of the accident. The lorry was running at a speed at which it might easily have got out of control. The driver himself stated that the auxiliary gear was connected. It is my duty to direct you that there is not sufficient evidence before you which will justify you in holding the driver to be criminally responsible for the death of the deceased. I suggest that the verdict is one of 'death by misadventure'."

The jury agreed with the verdict but added a rider to the effect that the type of auxiliary gear change be discontinued.

CANTON MINT CLOSES DOWN.

EFFORT TO RAISE LOCAL CURRENCY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 17.

The Government Mint in Canton will suspend operation after this week in accordance with the orders of the Finance Department. All the accounts must be wound up and turned over to the custody of the Finance Department before the end of this month.

The local authorities are of the opinion that this suspension of work will raise the value of the local currency by diminishing the demand for Hong Kong notes. So long as the Mint is in operation, huge quantities of silver bullion are consumed, all of which must be paid for in Hong Kong money. This has created no little hardship to those merchants who have to buy their commodities in Hong Kong money and sell them in Canton silver.

GAOL SITUATION UNCHANGED.

OFFICIAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

"There is no change in the situation at Victoria Gaol at all," said Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, when interviewed by our representative yesterday. Continuing, Mr. Franks said that everything was the same as the previous day, and that the authorities were doing all they could. Beyond that, he would say no more.

From one source comes the information that His Excellency the Governor will shortly appoint a commission to inquire fully into the trouble at the gaol. While we have not been officially informed, we have been told that this commission will probably include such leading Chinese residents as Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowell, C.M.G., the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and several other Chinese Justices of the Peace. It is very probable that the information collected by this body will be discussed at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

Commission's Recommendations. Interviewed by a Daily Press representative yesterday, Mr. N. L. Smith, of the Colonial Secretariat, said that the Government recently appointed a commission to inquire into the diet in the gaol. This committee sat under the chairmanship of the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington and they have made certain recommendations regarding the diet, but although they submitted their report to the Government some weeks ago, nothing has as yet been done as the report is still under consideration.

ENROLMENT OF NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. M. A. DA SILVA.

Mr. Marcus Alberto da Silva was admitted as a solicitor and proctor at the Supreme Court yesterday by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) on the application of the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.

In granting the application, his Lordship said it gave him pleasure to admit Mr. da Silva, who was one of the community of Hong Kong. He wished Mr. Silva every success. Mr. da Silva was born in Hong Kong on March 1, 1907, and was educated at St. Joseph's College. In 1928 he joined Mr. J. M. D'Almada, a partner with Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, subsequently taking his examinations successfully.

KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

CASE AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

A charge of kidnapping and enticing away a small boy was preferred against a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The facts, as outlined by Detective Sergeant Meadows, were that the child was missing in the morning of November 28. At about 2.30 p.m. the same day, the defendant and another man with the lost child went up to No. 100, Apliu Street, and rented a bed space. Submitting that they had to leave their belongings, the two men left the child with the principal tenant of the house. They had the recovered the same day, and the defendant was later arrested.

Defendant, in pleading "not guilty" to the charge, stated that he had been asked by the Mok Tong to find him a house where he could rent a bed space. He admitted having gone up to No. 100, Apliu Street, but said that he was quite ignorant that he was aiding Mok Tong in the kidnapping. At the time defendant thought that the child was the son of his friend.

His Worship reserved his judgment till Monday.

POLICE COURT THEFT.

OLD OFFENDER CAUGHT.

A daring theft was committed in the Court room at Central Magistracy yesterday just as Mr. E. H. Williams was rising from the Bench. This was later related to the Magistrate when a street coolie was charged with the theft of a hat.

It appears that a detective who had to attend to a prisoner's bail, went out of the Court and left his hat on the railing in front of the public benches. When he came back he found that it was gone, and the Magistrate, a specialist in the catching of thieves, informed the Court constable who caught the culprit just as he was about to leave the room.

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HIKING ROUND THE WORLD.

GERMAN BOY SCOUTS' VENTURE.

ARRIVAL IN COLONY.

Arriving as passengers on-board the m.s. Trave were three adventurous young German round-the-world tourists, whose ambition is to see as many countries as possible in the most ideal manner. The party consists of Paul Kage, Franz Series and Herman Garbo, who despite their youthful age have been globe-trotting for the last six years. They are boy scout members of the Deutsche Pfadfinder, the national boy scout association of Germany.

Together with Frid Sigmund, the party left Frankfurt, Germany, and have since journeyed on foot through over thirty different countries, including North Africa, Asia Minor, Southern Europe, the West Indies, Central and South America, Hawaii and Japan. As was to be expected, the trip was not without its dangers, but the youthful travellers stated that taking everything into consideration, the trip had been most enjoyable. They left Germany, with practically no money, and have earned their way by giving lectures and teaching judo-jitsu.

A Fresh Start.

A very serious problem confronted the party when they arrived at Japan, where they were all laid up with tropical sickness. They started on their venture afresh in October this year.

A period of nine months was spent in travelling from Panama to Mexico, the three lads doing the journey on horseback. The travellers mixed with head-hunting tribes, but received no serious trouble from the savages. In this trip they obtained their daily food by hunting.

In their tour of the different countries, the party was privileged to interview the leading statesmen, generals and the chief notables of many nations, and among the more well-known signatures on their autograph books are those of the ex-Kaiser William, whom the party met at Doorn, President Hindenburg of Germany, the late Primo de Rivera, Robbinston Tagore, the philosopher, and the Governors of the various states in America.

The three lads intend to give a number of lectures on their travels, judo-jitsu exhibitions, and an interpretation of German Folk Songs during their stay in the Colony. They will leave shortly after Christmas, their future destinations being Macao, Canton, Manila, Java, the South Seas Islands and South Africa.

POLICE INTERPRETER CHARGED.

CLOSING STAGES IN ALLEGED BRIBERY CASE.

The case in which Li Tsan Pui, a police interpreter is being charged with obtaining \$30 from a hawker by false pretences, was resumed before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. M. K. Lo, who appears for the defence, submitted his final plea.

In the course of his submission, Mr. Lo stated that there was only one bit of corroborative evidence made by the prosecution, and that was the evidence of complainant's mother. The money was handed over directly by the complainant, in an agreement between the complainant himself, the district watchman, and the defendant.

Mr. Lo then went on to say that the defendant had been in the Government's service for 19 years and had a clean record. If the defendant was convicted it was very hard for him to start life again now.

Mr. Murphy, for the prosecution, submitted that the defence would only be in connection with a loan. The marked notes were found in the defendant's pocket when he was arrested.

The hearing was then adjourned till Tuesday in order to give his Worship time to consider the verdict.

Defendant denied the charge saying that his daughter had picked up the hat. She gave it to him and as he was about to return it, the constable caught hold of him and accused him of theft. He further denied that he attempted to conceal the hat.

On the being disclosed that the man had a previous conviction for larceny and two under the opium ordinance, he was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1930. [10270]

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Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is stationary to the north of Shanghai. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally; occasionally drizzle or light rain.

BIRTHS.

CALENDER.—On December 14, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. IRVINE CALENDER, a daughter. TAYLOR.—On November 24, at Torquay, England, to Mr. and Mrs. W. HEDLEY TAYLOR, a son (still-born).

RAEHEUR.—On December 13, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. RAEHEUR, a daughter. SPINO.—On December 12, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. SPINO, a son.

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ENGLAND WAKES UP.

THOSE who visited England this year, after a fairly long absence, would probably agree that the greatest of many changes was a psychological one, and could be summed up in a phrase as, the end of the age of illusion. During the War a belief spread through the nation that a new and golden era would dawn with the coming of peace. Only a few Acts of Parliament, some coercion, and an application in peace of the war spirit of sacrifice were necessary, it was honestly thought, to bring a new England into being. Violent and bloodthirsty revolution was desired by none; for the lesson of Russia's degradation had been well learned. Young officers of the privileged class, who had been suddenly brought into close contact with men of other walks of life, were foremost in desiring drastic changes, and were as ready to share their fortunes with the men they had been called upon to lead as they were to face with them the common hardships and perils of war. Politicians in responsible positions, showed their ignorance of sound economics by hastening to proclaim that sweeping reforms could be effected, without making the first inquiry as to the possibility of realising their ideals. The country was led astray by the phrases of which "homes for heroes," was the most notorious. The working class believed that rare and refreshing fruit could be had for the picking, and the Labour Party espoused these illusions, refusing to heed those who warned them that the nation would be poorer and not richer as the result of the war. "The War has been a harvest for all classes, from privates to professors, was the common saying, 'then why should not high wages and easy conditions continue, and be still further improved in times of peace?' When, however, those in control of our staple industries, on the dry but irrefutable evidence of figures, called for harder work and lower wages, the reply of organised labour was, not altogether unnaturally, a long series of strikes.

An economic situation full of danger owing to the return of demobilised men to industry became desperate when markets were lost to foreign competitors by these disputes. Then a new phase set in. To prevent destitution a generous system of unemployment insurance was initiated, and this was accepted as a substitute for the older and larger ambitions. Men found themselves as well off on the dole as they were at work; idleness became lucrative, and a small minority began to export at opening of the State. The Unemployment Insurance Scheme is now bankrupt, there is a growing indignation

against its abuses and a special committee has been appointed to inquire into its working. High taxation, and the closing down of many industrial enterprises have sounded a stern warning to the great majority of British people who are working and have every desire to continue to earn their own livings. Twice the Labour Party has been in power, and has failed to redeem its lavish promises of work and prosperity for all. It is now realised, by all thoughtful people, rich and poor, that the economic problem is beyond the scope of any government, and the solution lies with the people of England themselves. They must work harder and more skilfully than foreign rivals. They must not only produce better goods, but must market them and advertise them more cleverly than their competitors. Directors, and scientific advisers as well as mechanics, salesmen and semi-skilled workers must all do better than they have done in the past. Old and easy going methods will not do. Thus and only thus will wealth return and Britain regain her place as the workshop of the world. At last the nation is alive to these realities, and it is putting behind it dreams, formerly cherished, of a four-hour day, for which high wages, good houses and many forms of spoon-feeding by the State were to be the reward. The prophets who falsely promised such things are discredited, and the gospel of hard work is winning its way among all sections of the community.

AN UNCONSCIOUS IRONY.

A LONDON doctor, of sufficient importance to have his remarks published in the Home Press, has made the amusing suggestion that idiots should be executed in a lethal chamber. He speaks of the necessity for "a court of appeal" to deal with each case as it arises and give it a duly legal aspect, so that the relatives could go home to tea, after it was all over, with minds at rest. His motive is an appropriate one, the saving of money in these hard times for idiots are a considerable expense to the community. There are circumstances in which the worthy doctor's proposal might merit consideration; in a beleaguered city, for example, or in a country where it was an administrative impossibility to keep these unfortunate creatures under proper supervision. But in England the suggestion of such a diabolical minor economy is merely ridiculous, and its sole interest lies in the light it throws on a certain type of scientific mind. The proposal is logical and reasonable—with the reason and the logic of the communist, the asylum or, must we say it, the laboratory. Perhaps the doctor in question might himself undertake this modern and scientific development of the executioner's art, but more likely he would prefer to leave the executive task to someone else. There is no need to dwell on morbid details, for the subject is not practical politics. But science shows a tendency now and then to arrogate to itself an autonomy of a most painful kind. Mr. G. B. SHAW in "The Doctor's Dilemma," and Mr. G. K. Chesterton in his singularly brilliant "The Poet and the Lunatic," utter a warning that needs taking to heart. The scientific mind is often the old-time priestly mind in new guise. The priest sacrificed men (for their own good) to theological theories, but the scientist can be just as fanatical in furtherance of his beliefs on eugenics, test-tube diet and various forms of painless surgery. It is all a little reminiscent of Esop's fable of the ass who danned the skin of a lion but braved as before. The modern theologian, however, knows about the errors of his predecessors. To the London doctor he might put the question: "How do you know that an idiot is not working out some strange stage of the soul evolution? Now don't say, 'he hasn't got a soul,' the divine would add, 'because you scientists know nothing about the soul. You may know all the biology in the world, but it has no bearing on the problem of human immortality. Science can be very cruel, not where there is exact knowledge, but where man groping in the dusk of experiment and speculation are jealous for their own discoveries. And for the man in the street it may be annoying to have to pay income-tax to keep idiots in luxury, but it has got to be done. The way of the situation is that just recommended the suspension of the death penalty for murderers. A scientist would choose this time to urge its imposition for idiots!"

★ News and Views ★

The Waichiaoju, says the Chinese Press, has presented a proposal to the various foreign Powers concerning an early surrender of the International Settlement of Kungang.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Shanghai several days ago when Dr. Wei Ken Sheng, secretary to the Chinese Legation in Washington, and Miss Tui Hui Ching, a student of the Shanghai College, were married. The happy pair will leave for the United States on Friday.

Officials of the American Institute of Electric Engineers announced last week that they have awarded their 1030 medal for achievement in the field of electric science to Frank Conrad of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A Difficult Choice.

"Which school would you send your son to if you had free choice?" Perhaps in any contest of selection the average man would choose his own old school first and Winchester second, so that any great variety of selection would bring Winchester to the top of the list. The question was put to the headmaster of a noted preparatory school. This headmaster decided that, scholastically, Winchester and Marlborough remained at the top. Harrow, under Dr. Norwood, was giving better scholastic results. "For inculcating initiative and forcefulness," he added, "I put Rugby first and then Harrow. Winchester provides scores of men who come out high in examinations, gravitate naturally to settled, official positions, and are not much at home in the commercial scramble."

Mr. MacDonald's Health.

Labour circles are becoming seriously uneasy at the constant signs that the Prime Minister is feeling the strain of his trials and responsibilities. It is not surprising that Mr. MacDonald should be suffering from acute strain. The Naval Conference, the unemployment problem, his negotiations with the Liberal leaders, the Imperial Conference and the Round Table Conference have followed thick and fast, allowing him no moment's respite. And at night-time he can find no release in sleep. Added to this come discussions among his own followers, and criticisms from his own compatriots. It seems to us a natural thing that Mr. MacDonald should stay at Durobin or visit Lord Londonderry. These social relaxations have been misinterpreted in Scotland. And it is just this kind of attack which Mr. MacDonald feels most acutely. It is peculiarly mean, as the great tradition of British politics is that public antagonisms do not intrude into private life. Whatever one may think of his policy everywhere in England (except a few of his political supporters) has a real admiration for the personality and the many fine qualities of the Prime Minister.

The Chinese Press says that a Czechoslovak firm has been awarded a contract by the Manchurian authorities for the construction of two railways from Manchurian cities to Unga.

It is reported that Mr. J. H. Williams is returning to China to resume his position as engineer-in-chief of the Canton-Hankow Railway. Mr. Williams succeeded Mr. A. G. Cox but left for Home in 1927.

The Academy of Sciences in Leningrad, has appointed a special commission to study the problem of and making proposals for using Latin script for Chinese. The members of the commission include the well-known experts on Chinese Professors Alexeyev and Windimirzev.

Specialist Nurses.

For some years there have been lamentations in England that too few of the right sort of young women were wanting to be hospital nurses, but the new ideas in training and housing may soon put an end to all this. The possibility of becoming a "specialist," which is now open to the probationer, will attract many girls of a kind who have hitherto thought of nursing as a career calling chiefly for the ability to stand an unlimited amount of hard and disagreeable work.

British Ship Yards Closed.

The purchase of three more redundant shipyards for dismantling is announced by National Shipbuilders Security, Ltd., the company formed last February as a collective scheme within the industry. The yards are:—Messrs. Napier and Miller, Ltd., Old Kirkpatrick, near Glasgow. "The south yard" (but not the north yard) of Ardrossan Dockyard, Ltd. Messrs. John Chambers, Ltd., Lowestoft. Messrs. John Chambers, Ltd., built only small craft, while the south yard of the Ardrossan Dockyard Company was a war growth, which had outlived its usefulness. Napier Miller have been well-known for many years as builders of cargo vessels up to nearly 7,000 tons gross.

The Ministry of Finance has notified the Chinese Maritime Customs that the *likin* and coastal trade duty are to be abolished from January 31 next, and has also instructed the Native Customs outside the 50 li zone to suspend revenue collections from the end of this year, and to wind up their affairs preparatory to complete suspension. Page 11.

In the course of an address delivered by Signor Mussolini at Rome, I. Duce declared that the causes of the world economic crisis were the Russian dumping, customs barriers, expenditure on armaments, political insecurity, revolutions in Latin America, chaos in India and China, and the congestion of gold in the United States and France. Page 11.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

Proceeding along Centre Street yesterday, a P.W.D. lorry skidded and smashed six stalls in its mad career down the hill. Page 7.

The Police interpreter, who is being charged with obtaining a bribe of \$30 from a hawk, again appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Page 9.

The strike at Victoria Gao continues; interview with Official at the Colonial Secretariat. Page 9.

The village boy who was on trial for murder at the Criminal Sessions was discharged. Page 9.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with having kidnapped a small boy. Page 9.

Mr. Marcus A. da Silva was admitted as a solicitor and proctor at the Supreme Court. Page 9.

An enquiry was held regarding the death of a Chinese who was killed in the recent motor smash at Seth's Corner. Page 9.

A coolie attempted to steal a hat in the Police Court but was caught and brought before the Magistrate who sentenced him to two months' hard labour. Page 9.

The arrival of three adventurous German Boy Scouts and a description of their interesting tour is given on. Page 9.

The report for the year of the Sandakan Light & Power Co. is published on. Page 8.

Benjamin & Potts' weekly share market report. Page 14.

The Peak School prize-giving was held yesterday. Page 9.

Week-end wireless programmes. Page 3.

Volunteer orders. Page 3.

Sport.

Week-end sports fixtures. Page 12.

Latest Cables.

The text has been issued of the Trade Dispute Bill. Page 11.

The House of Commons has adjourned until January 20. Page 11.

The Prince of Wales spent a good night, and he could not be doing better. Page 11.

No morning or evening papers will be published in London on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Page 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Clynes presented the Representation of the People Bill containing the Government proposal for electoral reform and the alternative vote. Page 11.

Following a riot at Buenos Aires 800 students were arrested. The students declared an eight-day strike in protest against the Government's alleged interference in University affairs. Page 11.

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★ Local Notes and Events ★

One death (Chinese) from typhoid was reported for the 24 hours ended December 18.

There is to be a congregation for the conferring of degrees at the Hong Kong University on Monday, January 12.

For the unlawful possession of 32 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese was fined \$350 by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Silk forwarded from here by R.M.S. Empress of Japan on November 27 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on December 16, having been 19 days in transit.

A dainty picture of a "Crinoline Girl" received yesterday brought the Christmas greetings of the Dollar Steamship Lines and the American Mail Line with best wishes for 1931.

The Motor cycle belonging to Mr. Yang Wing Pui, a clerk, which was reported to have been stolen from the stand outside the Star Ferry wharf, has been recovered at Lee Gardens.

Mr. J. C. Fletcher, formerly a Chinese agent, who was arrested under the Glasgow Education Authority, at Knightwood, where a new Central School is shortly to be opened.

For failing to produce his car licence when asked to do so, Mr. J. J. Grover, employed at the Peninsula Hotel, was fined \$5 by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

A fine of \$1,000 or, in default six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Butters on a Chinese who was charged with the possession of three ounces of morphine. It was stated that the morphine was found in packets concealed in his socks.

A report has been made to the police by the Manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway to the effect that a Chinese woman, stated to be 73 years of age was accidentally knocked down by a train on Thursday. She received injuries to her left foot.

Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett took the part of Shadbolt in the "Yeomen of the Guard" last night. During the first act of the play he became very ill and was attended by a doctor, who advised him not to go on. Mr. Bartlett, however, insisted on finishing the play, but he did not appear in the final curtain.

A stonecutter working on the site of the New National City Bank of New York in Ice House Street was killed yesterday morning when he fell from a plank about four feet from the ground onto a stone. He received injuries to his head from which he died later.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The return to the Colony of Mr. G.J.B. Sayer, after a holiday of several months at Home, and his announcement that he intends to found a firm of contractors under the title of Sayer and Co., will be welcome intelligence to his many friends and acquaintances. During his fifteen years' residence in Hong Kong, during which he was employed at the Naval Yard in connection with architectural and engineering work for the Admiralty, Mr. Sayer earned the good wishes of a wide circle of friends, both professional and private. He announces that he is established at No. 19, Queen's Road Central, as Civil Engineer, Architect and Surveyor. He will have the co-operation of important Chinese contractors—Hong Kong Daily Press, Dec. 20, 1905.

Looking Back 50 Years.

A Court-Martial was held on board the Victor Emanuel yesterday to try Captain Cleveland, Staff-Commander, James, and Lieutenant Clarke on the charge that they did on the July 30 negligently or by default strand her Majesty's ship Iron Duke on a reef off the island of Okisiri. The Court was composed as follows:—Commander Smith, president; Captain Cuming, Curacao; Captain East, Comus; Captain Meade, Modeno; Commander Grove, Killy; Mr. Wright, Commodore's secretary; Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate, in the absence of a prosecutor, requested the Court to direct two navigating officers to work out the ship's reckoning in accordance with the Admiralty instructions. Vice-Admiral Coote, C.B., was the first witness called and was examined by the Judge Advocate.—Hong Kong Daily Press, Dec. 20, 1905.

**LIKIN AND COAST
TRADE DUTY.****ABOLISHED FROM JANUARY
FIRST.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19. The Chinese Maritime Customs were notified to-day by the Ministry of Finance that the *likin* and coastal trade duty will be abolished from January 31 next.

The Ministry of Finance also instructed the Native Customs outside the 50 li zone to suspend revenue collections from the end of this year, and to wind up their affairs preparatory to complete suspension.

**LABOUR'S CHALLENGE TO
OPPOSITION.****TRADES DISPUTES AND
TRADE UNION BILL.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18. The formal introduction yesterday of the Trade Union Bill constitutes the biggest challenge the Government have yet made to the Opposition.

The provisions have not yet been divulged officially, but according to the *Daily Herald* the Bill wipes out the Act passed by Mr. Baldwin after the national strike of 1926, and legalises sympathetic strikes, removes Trade Union funds from danger of attachment, restores the former power of the Trade Unions to impose a political levy on members subject to the objections, and restores the right of public servants in the Unions to affiliate with the T.U.C. or the Labour Party.

The text has been issued of the Trade Dispute Bill, which confirms the *Daily Herald* forecast, to which should be added that the Bill restores the right of Civil Servants and employees of the public authorities to belong to trade unions, legalises peaceful picketing, provides no penalty for inciting others to strike or lockout unless the strike or lockout is declared illegal by the High Court, concerning which the Attorney-General must be a party.

The debate on the Bill will begin on January 21.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons to-day the Government introduced a Bill to amend the law relating to trades disputes and trade unions. This is a measure to which a considerable section of Liberals, who hold the balance of voting power in the Commons as well as all Conservatives, are believed to be opposed.

A second reading will be taken on January 22. Minister of Agriculture also introduced a Bill enabling schemes to be made for regulating the marketing of agricultural products.

**BRITISH ELECTORAL
REFORM BILL.****TEXT APPROVED BY LABOUR
PARTY.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18. By 133 votes to 20 a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, National Executive, and Labour Peers to-day approved the text of the Electoral Reform Bill, including the alternative vote.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Representation of the People Bill. LONDON, Dec. 19. In the House of Commons, Mr. Clynes presented the Representation of the People Bill, containing the Government proposal for electoral reform and the alternative vote.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE
LEVEL IN BRITAIN.****FIFTY-FIVE PER CENT. LOWER
THAN A YEAR AGO.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18. According to the Ministry of Labour the average level of retail prices in Great Britain this month is 55 per cent. lower than a year ago.

**DEATH OF AMERICAN
JOCKEY.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. The death has occurred of the well-known American jockey, Clarence Kummer.

**CHINESE DUTY ON
RAILWAY MATERIAL.****TARIFF HALVED FOR THREE
YEARS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 18. The Railway Ministry is petitioning for railway material ordered from abroad to be exempt from duty.

The Government have decided to halve the duty for the existing railways during the next three years.

Railways under construction will not pay duty until they are revenue earning, when the duty payable will be collected by instalments.

The material exempted from duty comprises sleepers, rails, locomotives, waggons, and material for bridges.

**SINO-SANTO DOMINGO
COMMERCIAL TREATY.**

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Dec. 19. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has received a cable from the Chinese Minister to Cuba that the Government of Santo Domingo desires to conclude a commercial treaty with China.

The Minister has requested a draft of the treaty so that he may open negotiations with the Santo Domingo Government.

**CANADIAN MINISTER TO
CHINA?****PROPOSAL BEFORE PRIME
MINISTER.**

Vancouver.—While a trade mission from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce recently visited the Far East, it is at least an interesting coincidence that discussion has arisen here concerning the advisability of an extension of the Canadian diplomatic service to include a minister to China. Canada already has a minister in Tokyo, as well as in Paris and Washington. It is known that the subject has been discussed informally between Dr. C. C. Wu, Chinese Minister to Washington, and Mr. Mackenzie King, when the latter was Prime Minister, and it is said that the question will be before the present Prime Minister, Mr. R. B. Bennett, returns from the Imperial Conference.

China is a good customer of Canada, and authorities here foresee a large potential market for the Dominion's natural products, particularly wheat. Last year Canada exported to China commodities to the value of £16,000,000 and imported goods only to the extent of \$3,000,000 in the same period.

An announcement from the new Government of its general policy concerning the Canadian diplomatic service is awaited with considerable interest. The Washington post, the first to be established, now stands vacant, as well as the high commissionership in London. From time to time there have been reports that the service might be broadened by stationing ministers in Brazil, Germany and Belgium. It is likely the matter will be given some attention at the next session of Parliament, but in view of all the circumstances it is not improbable that the establishment of new legations will be delayed a year or two even if the Prime Minister, who also is Minister of External Affairs, decides to carry on the policy of his predecessor in this respect.

BYRD'S ANTARCTIC FLIGHT.**COMPANIONS RECEIVE
AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. Senator Swanson (Virginia) introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives to-day, providing that American citizenship should be conferred on five Britons and five Norwegians, a Dane, Swede, and Dutchman who accompanied Rear-Admiral Byrd on his Antarctic expedition.

The Norwegians include Bernt and Balchen, the young airman who made the trans-Atlantic flight with Rear-Admiral Byrd and piloted the latter's South Polar flight.

**THREE BANK FAILURES IN
AMERICA.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Although the storm of bank failures has somewhat abated, three have closed at Little Rock, Arkansas.

**UNFRIENDLY ACT
BY SOVIET.****JAPAN REQUESTS
WITHDRAWAL.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 18. The Foreign Office has cabled instructions to the Ambassador in Moscow to inform the Soviet Government that the Japanese Government considers the closure of the Vladivostok branch of the Bank of Korea an unjustifiable and unfriendly act, and requesting the Soviet Government to withdraw the closure order and enter into "conversations" for the purpose of reaching an amicable settlement of the whole question.

The Soviet Embassy, in a statement, says that the closure is due to the fact that the bank's existence was contrary to the Soviet's economic and financial policy. It emphasises that it was the "sole bourgeois bank in Russia" and permission for it to operate was never given by the Soviet Government, but only by the local authorities.

It declares that the bank was a constant source of trouble.

**HOME CHRISTMAS PRESS
HOLIDAYS.****TWO DAYS WITHOUT PAPERS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19. No morning or evening papers will be published in London on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS
ADJOURNS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19. The House of Commons has adjourned until January 20, 1931.

**GRANTS TO AMERICAN
FARMERS.****FORTY-FIVE MILLION GOLD
DOLLARS RECOMMENDED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. The House of Representatives has passed a Bill providing for an additional \$45,000,000 for the Federal Farm Board.

The Bill now goes to the Senate. The Senate has voted in favour of \$60,000,000 to aid the drought-stricken farmers, but the House of Representatives favoured \$30,000,000.

The Joint Congressional Committee to-day split the difference and recommended \$45,000,000.

**U.S. BANKRUPTS'
LIABILITIES.****TOTAL NEARLY THOUSAND
MILLION DOLLARS.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. Investigation just made with President Hoover's authorisation shows that the total liabilities of bankrupts in the United States last year were nearly \$1,000,000,000.

INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.**UNITED STATES NO RIGHT
TO INTERFERE.**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 12.—The United States has no right to interfere in Cuba's internal domestic affairs, Colonel Henry L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, said to-day in commenting on reported efforts to persuade President Gerardo Machado y Morales to resign.

Secretary Stimson drew attention to the Platt Amendment, the organic act under which Cuba was granted independence and which gives the United States the right to preserve the Cuban independence. The Platt Amendment stipulates that the United States keep her hands off Cuba's internal problems.

For this reason, American officials down upon any attempt originating in the United States to bring about President Machado's resignation five years before his term of office would normally expire.

The United States does have the right to forbid Cuba to contract excessive debts and to see to it that she maintains a government capable of preserving order and protecting life but, it was emphasised to-day, under no conditions can America meddle in Cuba's purely internal political affairs.

**STUDENTS' RIOT AT
BUENOS AIRES.****EIGHT-DAY STRIKE
DECLARED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. A message from Buenos Aires states that 800 students were arrested following a riot.

The students declared an eight-day strike in protest against the Government's alleged interference with University affairs.

**ITALY'S FINANCIAL
CONDITION.****AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS
MATTER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Dec. 18. During a discussion in the Senate over the Bill for reducing the salaries of civil servants, Signor Mussolini stated that the country's present deficit was 800,000,000 lire.

This was not a national disaster, but was an extremely serious matter.

He added that it was impossible to increase taxation.

ROME, Dec. 19. Signor Mussolini mentioned as the causes of the world economic crisis the Russian dumping, customs barriers, expenditure on armaments, political insecurity, revolutions in Latin America, chaos in India and China, and the congestion of gold in the United States and France.

**VOLCANO ERUPTS IN
JAVA.****FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED
AND VILLAGES EVACUATED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Dec. 18. Up to the present 15 deaths are reported to have occurred following a violent eruption of a volcano in Merapi, the centre of Java.

Many villages have been evacuated.

**SMUGGLING RUBLES INTO
RUSSIA.****JAPANESE AND RUSSIANS ON
TRIAL AT VLADIVOSTOK.**

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—The Press gives much prominence to the opening of a special court session at Vladivostok to deal with the case against ten Japanese and two Russians charged with smuggling rubles into the Soviet Union and selling them at the "black" exchange.

They are also accused of exporting gold value from the Soviet Union and supplying through the Bank of Chosen foreign concession holders and merchants with cheap rubles and finally with accepting at Shanghai and Harbin, money offered to people in different cities of the Soviet Union for which also use was made of the forbidden black-exchange.

The court proceedings are expected to last several days. The case attracted very wide attention as it resulted in the closing down of the Vladivostok branch of the semi-official Japanese Bank of Chosen, until then the only foreign bank allowed to do business in the Soviet Union, and consequently in the closing of the Koba branch of the Russian Dalbank, which seriously affected Soviet-Japanese economic relations.

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**FRANCE'S NEW
GOVERNMENT.****CENTRISTS WITHDRAW
THEIR SUPPORT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 18. The first meeting of Parliament to hear the Ministerial declaration of the new Steeg Government was signalled by a *coup d'etat* by excited groups of Deputies, discussing the prospects of a Government majority, when it was announced that the Cabinet Minister, M. Thomyre, and two Under-Secretaries of the six Centrists upon whom Premier Steeg was counting to give the Cabinet appearance and "concentration," had evidently obeyed a last minute Party whip and resigned.

This withdrawal of Centrist support may prove a knockout blow.

Economic Crisis.

The Ministerial declaration was listened to silently, except when the Left cheered references to a continuance of M. Briand's foreign policy.

The declaration stated that the Government aimed at external peace, and dwelt on the necessity of terminating the recent political agitation. The economic crisis must be handled all the more in view of the increase in the cost of living.

The Government would assist in the concerted economy experiments made at Geneva. Their first duty in the economic domain would be to vote on a Budget balanced not by fresh taxation but by strict economy.

Vote of Confidence.

The Chamber, by 291 votes to 284, rejected a vote of non-confidence in the Government.

Minister Resigns.

PARIS, Dec. 18. The Minister, M. Thomyre, and the Under-Secretaries MM. Coty and Cautru, have resigned.

Socialist Support.

LATER. The Socialists, whose spokesmen declared that they were unwilling to let the Right have power at the present critical stage of international affairs, saved the Government from attack by the Right and Centre.

A hundred Socialists supported Premier Steeg, while 12 Communists voted against the Government.

The three Government officials who resigned, in a letter to Premier Steeg, explained that they did so because it appeared certain that the Government would have to depend on Socialist support.

They agreed to join a conciliation with the Government by not fighting the Government.

EVACUATION OF THE SAAR.**FRENCH AND BELGIAN RAIL
WAY GUARDS LEAVE.**

Coblentz, Dec. 12.—The French and Belgian colours were struck at Saarbrücken this afternoon before the departure of the remainder of the so-called railway guards, two French companies and two score Belgian soldiers. However, the Saar district still remains nominally under the régime of the League of Nations and practically under French rule pending the plebiscite on its ultimate fate five years hence, or the resumption of the Franco-German negotiations regarding the district's return to Germany before the plebiscite which, it is generally conceded even by French politicians, would undoubtedly go against France.

The military evacuation of the district which has now been completed, had been insisted upon by the German Government ever since an agreement had been reached for the evacuation of the Rhineland which, by the way, made the further military occupation of the Saar useless, as was also recognized by the French military authorities.

The negotiations for the complete immediate return of the Saar to Germany broke down, however, because the German Government found it impossible to accept the French conditions regarding the ownership and exploitation of the Saar mines. In spite of this it is hoped by all who are working for a Franco-German understanding that these negotiations will be resumed at an early date and will lead to an agreement compatible with the political and economic interests of the two countries.

**LORDS PREVAIL
OVER LABOUR.****DYESTUFFS ACT TO CON-
TINUE FOR ONE YEAR.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19. The House of Lords, without a division, decided to insist on their amendment to continue the Dyestuffs Act for another year.

A private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party endorsed the Cabinet's decision to include an alternative vote on the Electoral Reform Bill.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister, is reported to have emphasised that there was no pact with the Liberals, but it was advisable to placate them, as an election was at present not desirable.

"Under Protest."

LATER. The Government decided to accept under protest the House of Lords' amendment for continuing the Dyestuffs Act for a further year.

Full Agreement.

The House of Commons, without a division, agreed to the House of Lords' amendment to prolong the Dyestuffs Act for a year.

BOLIVAR CENTENARY.**MESSAGE FROM PRINCE OF
WALES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19. Although prevented by his indisposition from attending the centenary celebration of the last night of Simon Bolivar, the Venezuelan Liberator, the Prince of Wales sent a message, in the course of which he referred to the amazing progress in a comparatively short period made by the nations which were now part of the Commonwealth.

He added: "The relations between His Majesty's Government and the countries which have looked to Bolivar as a national hero have since his death continued to be of a most friendly nature."

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, recalled during his speech that Bolivar was assisted by large numbers of British soldiers, and that Bolivar himself ascribed the measure of his success to the incognito of his agent in London in collecting arms, recruits and money.

He added: "The relations between His Majesty's Government and the countries which have looked to Bolivar as a national hero have since his death continued to be of a most friendly nature."

RUGBY, Dec. 19. The Prince of Wales is suffering from a slight chill, which necessitated the cancellation of his engagements to-day. These included attendance at the Simon Bolivar commemorative dinner in London to-night.

The Prince had arranged to hunt to-morrow for the first time for two years, but on the advice of Sir Stanley Hewitt, his physician, he is remaining indoors for the time being.

RUGBY, Dec. 19. It was stated at York House this morning that the Prince of Wales has had a very good night, and that he could not be doing better.

The chill from which he is suffering is taking its normal course, and the Prince is sleeping very well.

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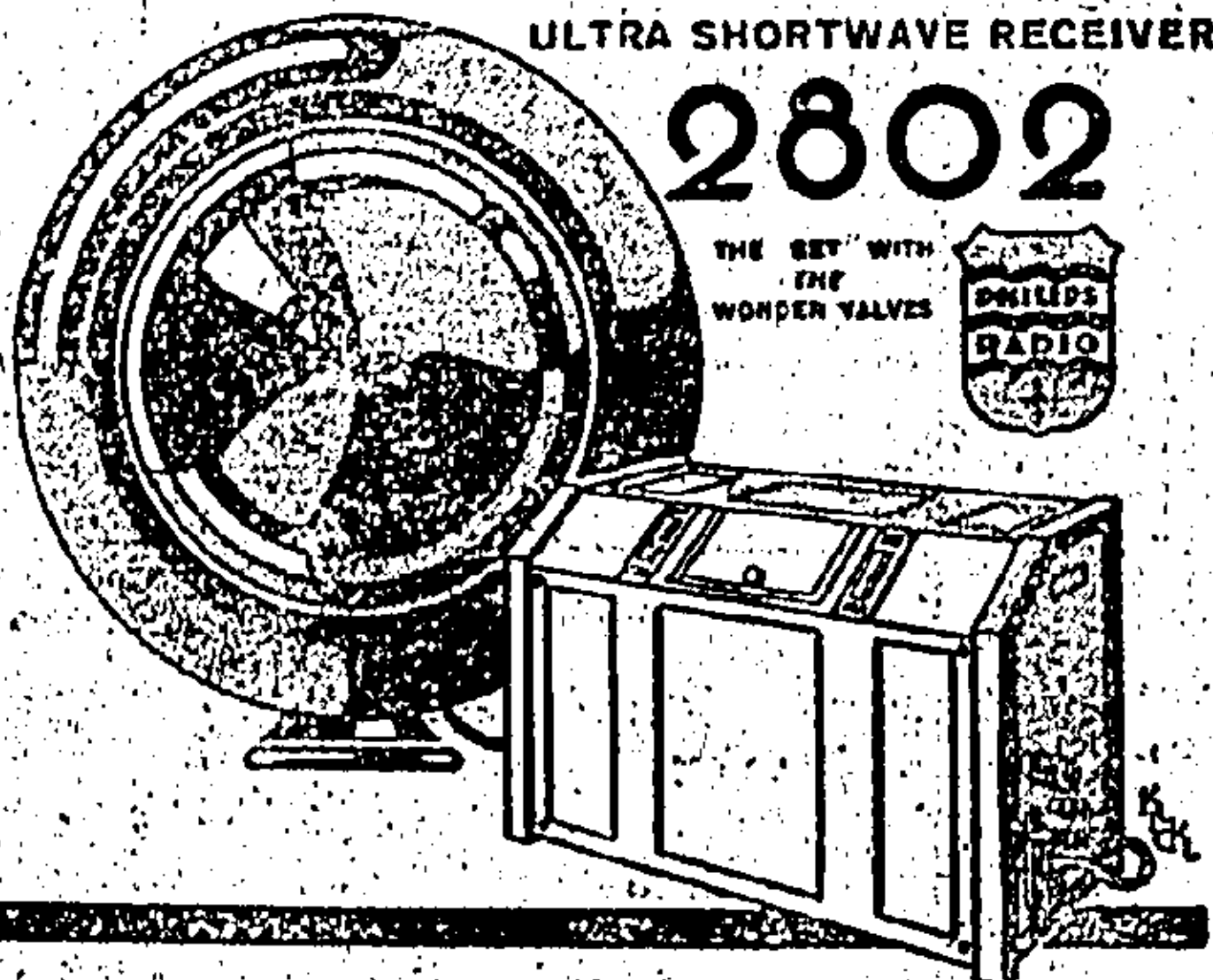
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SIR D. YULE'S LIFE STORY.

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TO WORK.

The extraordinary life of the late Sir David Yule, one of the wealthiest persons in the British Empire, was described in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice Rowland was asked to determine what domicile Sir David had at the time of his death in 1923. The Attorney-General said it was in England; but the widow contended that it was in India.

Mr. Wilfrid Greene, for the widow, said that despite his immense wealth Sir David was apparently unknown outside India. In 1911 he was not known personally to the Viceroy. It seemed as if he entirely cut himself off from European society and practically all his friends were Indians.

He was born at Edinburgh in 1858 and at the age of 17 he went to the Calcutta office of Messrs. Andrew Yule & Company, in which two of his uncles were partners. On a visit to England in 1883 he met his future wife, who was then nine.

Bought a King's Residence.

On his return to India he threw himself with vigour into the business of his firm and built up the foundation of a big fortune. In 1900 he came to England again and married his cousin. He told his bride that India was to be their permanent home.

In Calcutta he bought the former residence of the King of Oudh.

On the first morning they were in Calcutta Sir David got up at 4 a.m. and went to his office. He returned to lunch, went back to the office, where he stayed until late at night. That apparently was his habit.

"It was an appalling prospect," said Mr. Greene, "for that was not the sort of thing Lady Yule had anticipated. She was taken very ill with malaria and returned to England."

Flat Over His Office.

Sir David never entertained, and when the firm had a new building in Calcutta he had a flat built for himself over the office. When he was made a knight at the Delhi Durbar and was presented to the King, he was holding the hands of some young Indians—members of a family to which he was devotedly attached.

He wrote all his own business letters and never dictated a letter or let anyone else deal with it.

Mr. Greene said that Sir David left estate in India—well over £7,000,000. There was, in addition, substantial property in Great Britain.

In March, 1923, Sir David came to England. He had said he was only coming on a visit, but he stayed until he died in July, 1923. The hearing was adjourned.

THE BOMBING OF LONDON.

REALISTIC FILM OF AIR
RAIDS.

A small army of air pilots and more than ten camera men in aeroplanes are the real authors of "Hell's Angels," which was recently given its first exhibition at the London Pavilion. Especially would I praise E. Burton Steene for his wonderful and beautiful long shots taken from above the clouds.

The spectacle of a Zeppelin forcing its way through them, seen from an aeroplane close to it, has a real and terrible majesty. Nothing as realistic as the interior of the Zeppelin over London, its attempted bombing of Trafalgar Square, its fight with aeroplanes and its final bursting into flames and crashing has ever been depicted on the screen.

A Zeppelin Crashes.

The wreck has every appearance of a real flying-ship. Probably it was, as this film cost its director, Howard Hughes, a small fortune. He intended it to glorify and perpetuate the exploits of Allied and German airmen during the war.

It certainly does that, but it is a pity a German educated in England is made to betray his country by giving false information when observing, with the result that the Zeppelin drops all its bombs into a sheet of water, probably the Serpentine. No German ever did that, and no Englishman would.

An Airman's Dream.

There is a terrific bombing of an ammunition dump by the two principal characters, Monte and Roy Rutledge. They had the success of which airmen no doubt dreamed.

A love affair in which figures a woman lady with a feeble apology for a dress is quite forgotten long before the end of the film.

It took three years to make and the love affair is no doubt a remnant of the original story.

The air fighting is the real story and the climax has a touch of tragedy. "Hell's Angels" is not a masterpiece of film art, but it is a masterpiece of camera work and of intrepid air stunts, which claimed many victims.

SIGHT TEST FOR DRIVERS.

ABANDONED IN HOME
TRAFFIC ACT.

The final regulations governing the issue of driving licences under the new Road Traffic Act were approved recently by the Minister of Transport after a secret meeting between the Ministry and various bodies representing the interests of motorists, both private and commercial.

They will be issued shortly, and the scores the better. Car drivers throughout the country suffering from various slight disabilities, especially those with inferior eyesight, have become anxious in respect of the new regulations, largely owing to the secrecy that has surrounded the discussions concerning them.

Fitness Declaration.

The declaration of fitness form which drivers will have to sign before obtaining a licence after December 1 is to be of the simplest character.

The proposal that applicants should be able to read a car's number plate at thirty yards distance was definitely abandoned.

A much simpler standard of vision has been adopted, which will mean, in practice, that few drivers will be affected.

The various conferences have had before them statistics which have proved conclusively that only a small percentage of accidents is due to physical defects on the part of drivers.

It boils down to this. The new regulations will only affect people who are subject to fits and whose eyesight is very bad indeed, and others whose disabilities would prevent them from driving even if there were no new Act.

John J. Raskob, Jr., a Roman Catholic in his religious belief, and Miss Minerva Aaronson of New Haven, Connecticut, were married in America last week. The bride is of the Jewish faith. The marriage was solemnized in the St. John's Roman Catholic Church here. Only members of the immediate families were in attendance. Young Mr. Raskob's father is chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

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FARMERS' ATTACK ON PREMIER.

"IGNORANT OF AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS."

The National Farmers' Union have issued a statement on the Premier's declaration as to the Government's policy on agriculture. Instead of a considered reply from Dr. Addison when the Cabinet had taken their decision, the union say: "The Prime Minister had adopted the remarkable course of giving his reply to the industry through the medium of an interview, and all who are concerned with the grave plight of cereal farming can hardly have failed to note the remarkable circumstance that Mr. MacDonald, who was too preoccupied to meet the farmers' representatives and to learn the truth about the situation at first hand, was not too preoccupied to meet a newspaper representative for the purpose of announcing his emphatic refusal to listen to the farmers' case."

On the observation of the Prime Minister that there could be "No prosperity so long as the organized farmers wanted subsidies for inefficient agriculture," the union say: "It proves conclusively that he is ignorant of agricultural conditions in this country. The tone of the Prime Minister's statement differed so markedly from that adopted by the Minister of Agriculture when he received the union's deputation that it will be interesting to note whether Dr. Addison will consent to remain in office in face of Mr. MacDonald's unwarranted attack."

THAT TIRED FEELING.

AFTERNOON NAP COMMENDED.

The benefits to be gained from an afternoon nap and the week-end break from toil were discussed recently by Mr. Clement Jeffery, the Park-lane manipulative expert, at a London lecture.

"Many eminent men who appear full of vitality at public functions attribute their zest of life to the periodic enjoyment of a nap," he said.

"Even in a brief quarter of an hour in which we allow our muscles and minds to be relaxed the body is receiving its charge of energy. Nothing drains the vitality more drastically than long hours of activity without compensation in the form of rest."

"Deep sleep is the period during which the human battery is recharged; the hours of sleep may be few, or they may extend to nine hours, but the rest must be untroubled."

"An interesting occupation," continued Mr. Jeffery, "is one of the best means of prolonging youth and warding off that tired feeling. There is nothing more devastating than boredom. This state of mind is prolific in its wasteful dissipation of energy."

"People can continue to work on some job they like without feeling tired, whereas they would soon be fatigued if the task were dull."

"The British week-end is a splendid institution. It is a real economy of energy, and if indoor workers would get out into the fresh air and enjoy exercise within reasonable limits they would regain much of the vitality which is inevitably lost by office and factory life during the day and stuffy talkies during the evening."

"RUBBISH" IN GREAT LIBRARIES.

A BISHOP'S APOLOGY.

The Bishop of Oxford, speaking at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Bodleian recently, spoke of the serious problem of space congestion which at present faces the Bodleian Library. The Bishop remarked that when as vice-chancellor he paid his official visits to the Bodleian he found there many strange things such as local guidebooks and ephemeral magazines. "There was even a set of the publication 'Bow Bells,' which the cook used to take in my early days, and which I had never seen since," he said.

In answer to his remonstrances the then librarian had urged that tastes changed unaccountably and that also a great library of deposit should represent all sides of the life of a period. The speaker had since come to accept that view. "If we once take to clearing out useless or uninteresting books we should have to be very carefully in selecting our jury to decide on them. We should remember that we had to buy back our First Folio Shakespeare which had been got rid of to make room for a new edition. The Bodleian has a right to receive a copy of every book published in England, and much of what it receives may be rubbish, but the world would be a gloomier place if there were no actual rubbish in it, and a great library would be less attractive if all the books in it were worth reading and had to be read by compulsion."

The Vice-Chancellor (Dr. F. Holmes Dudden), who presided, said that in the five years since the society of Friends of the Bodleian was formed it had secured more than seventy-five valuable books and manuscripts which would otherwise have been lost to Oxford.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 23rd Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 24th Dec.	6 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NANCHANG"	On 26th Dec.	8 a.m.
FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"BUICHOW"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
HONGKOW, PAKHOI & HAIKOW	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 28th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SIANGKANG"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
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AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 28th Dec.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LINAN"	On 30th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"NANNING"	On 30th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 31st Dec.	5 p.m.
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PASSENGERS**Departures.**

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PRINCELINE AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "PRINCE".

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 17th DECEMBER, 1930.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out and marked by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.
Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 6th January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.
MAOKINNON, MAOKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1930. [10361]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.**THE Steamer "TRIET"**

Having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.
Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "TRIET" has taken at HAMBURG and BREMEN Through Cargo for HONG KONG ex S.S. "BRAKE" S.S. "ALX" and S.S. "ELECTRA" from STETTIN, WIBORG and GOTHENBURG.
All Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd December, 1930, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Aske, at 10 a.m. on the 22nd December, 1930.
No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.
Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underinsured for Counter-signature.

MELOHERS & CO., Agents.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10256]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**"ELLERMAN" LINE.**

FROM DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM AND MARSEILLES.

THE Steamer "KAZEMBE"

Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.
Optional Goods will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th December, 1930, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 1st January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10269]

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Optional Goods will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 6th January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10263]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & PENANG.

THE Steamer "KUTSANG"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.
Optional Goods will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th December, 1930, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 1st January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10265]

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

THE Motor Vessel "DUISBURG"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th December, 1930, will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th December, 1930, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
All Claims must reach us before the 10th January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.
No Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underinsured.
JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10262]

FRANCE LINE.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "CHINESE PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Port on 17th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.
All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Telephone 23165.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1930. [10260]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.
Optional Goods will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th December, 1930, at 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 24th December, 1930, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Vessel including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1930. [10260]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.**

TO	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING" "KWAISANG" "HOSANG" "HANGSANG"	Tues., 23rd Dec., at 7 a.m. Sun., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m. Tues., 30th Dec., at 7 a.m. Sun., 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Mon., 29th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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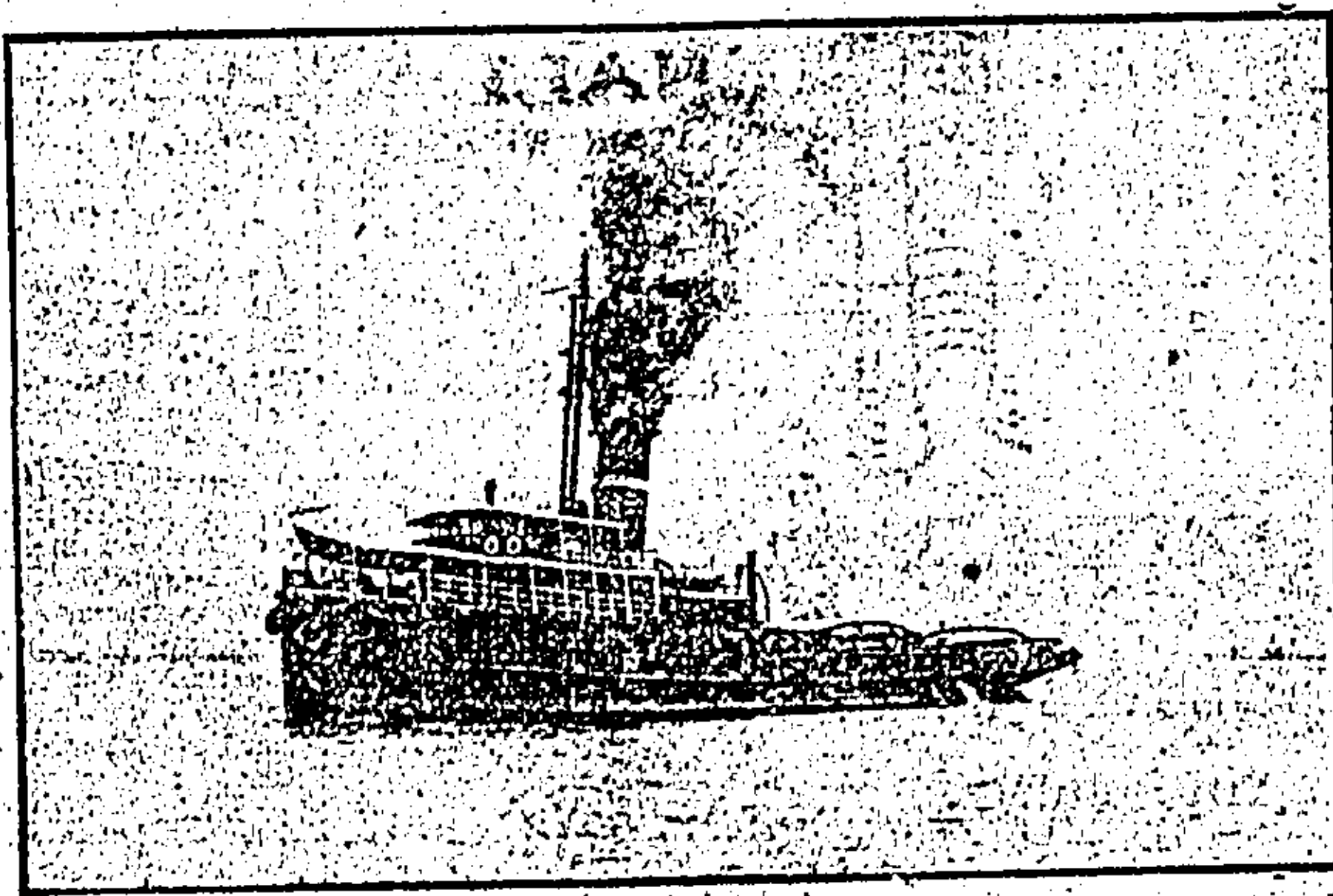
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